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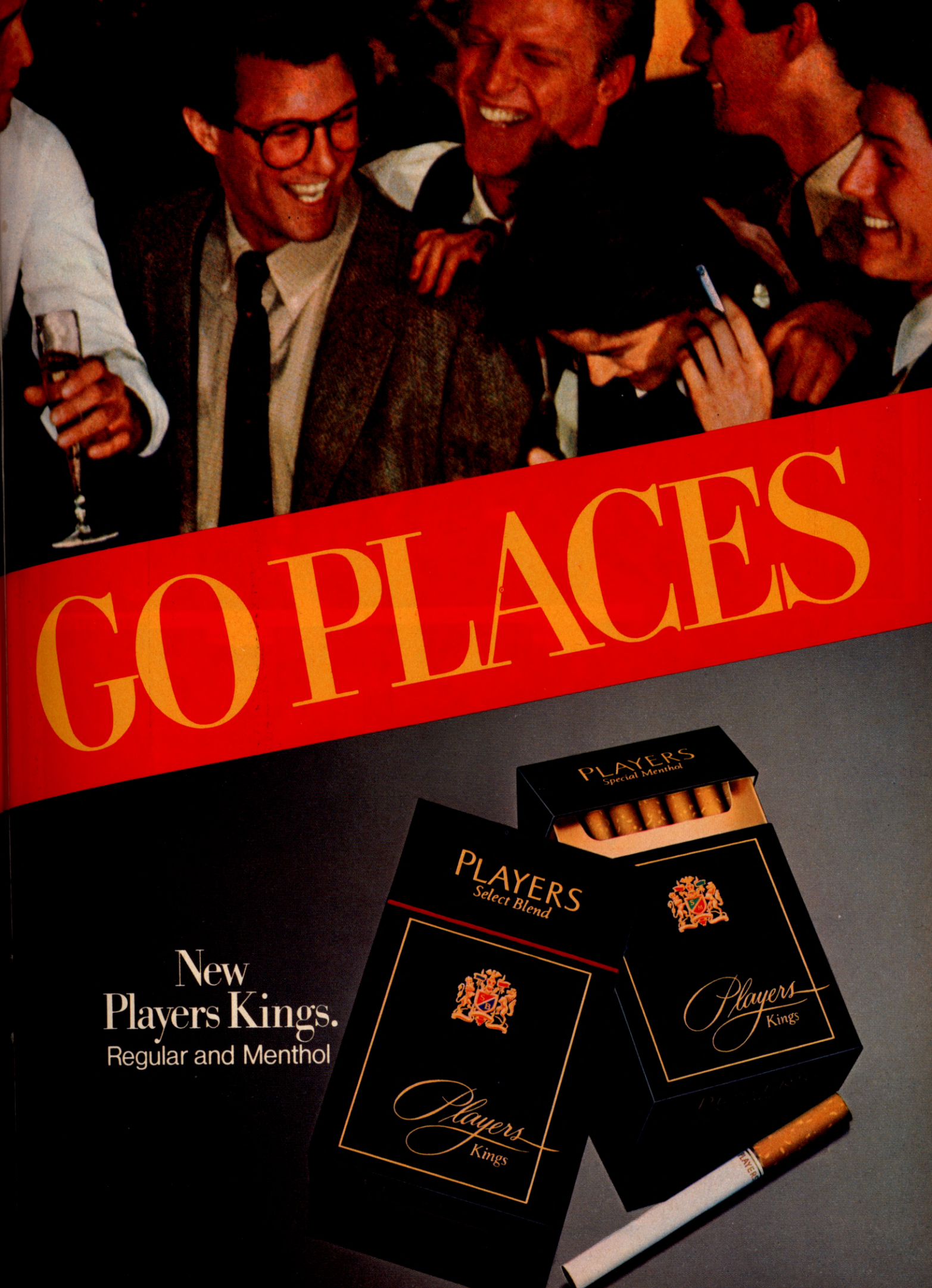


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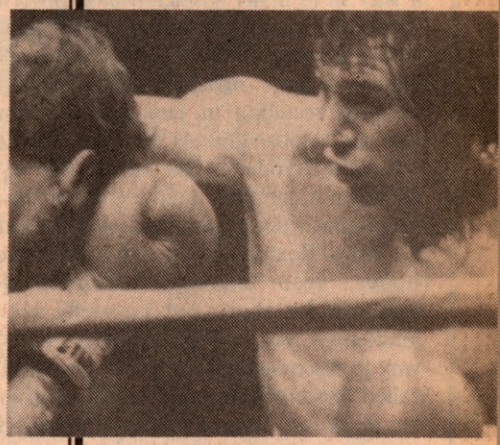

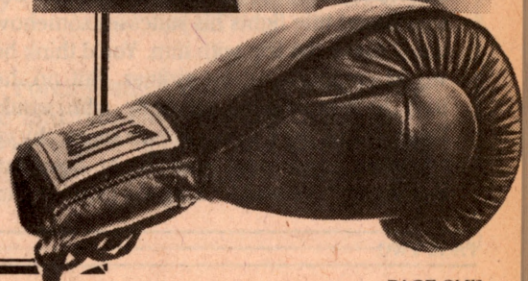

# RINGSIDE

A STUDY ON BOXING RECENTLY COMPLETED by the New York Senate Research Service carried a large black headline which called out, in type equal to that heralding the Second Coming, "A Question of Propriety." The propriety—or, more accurately, the impropriety—brought into question was that existing "under WBC's president Jose Sulaiman Chagnon," and included the following: "Produced some of the most dubious boxer ratings and bizarre mismatches in the history of the sport; Assigned officials in such a way as to invite suspicion of impropriety; Arbitrarily punished a number of fighters while favoring others; and Created meaningless weight divisions (e.g. super flyweights) resulting in lucrative sanctioning fees and global junkets for WBC officials."

But lest anyone out there truly believes the list to be a complete laundry list of the improprieties visited upon the boxing world by the World Boxing Council and its high executioner, Jose Sulaiman Chagnon—Jose Sulaiman for short, but hopefully not for long—then you are sorely mistaken. One way to discover more is to rub his list of so-called "accomplishments" with lemon juice; the other is to listen to many who have had occasion to do business with the man who serves as the walking headquarters and hindquarters of the WBC.

For almost ever since he changed his status from that of a promoter to THE PROMOTER Don King has been able to call upon Sr. Sulaiman for almost everything he needed. And vice versa, although at times the vice was versa. Take, for instance, the case of the mysterious missing bags. Seems that almost every time Sulaiman would appear at ringside for one of the many Don King WBC-sanctioned title fights his suitcases somehow didn't make the trip with him. You'd think he would complain to the airlines. But no, he took to buttonholing anybody who would listen—King, the Caesars Palace hierarchy or reporters. And what was Senor Sulaiman looking for? He was looking for Don King or Caesars Palace to make good the goods he supposedly lost, goods which invariably consisted of expensive silk underwear and equally as expensive Leica cameras. Never mind that nobody has ever seen Sulaiman take a snapshot from even a Kodak Brownie, he now owns more Leicas than the entire Leica plant. And the silk underwear? When one of Don King's henchmen asked him if he really wore such frapperies, he replied "I do *now*."

But shaking down people for cameras and silk underwear is hardly the most naked power play Jose has ever indulged in. He has now taken to roaming the landscape as an emissary for Don King, trying mightily to derail the signed-for and hoped-for junior lightweight title fight between champion Bobby Chacon and the Number One WBC contender, Cornelius Boza-Edwards.

Seems that after that bout was signed and sealed—but hardly delivered—Don King got his hand into the pot right up to his pudgy fingers and started stirring. First he signed Hector "Macho" Camacho to a contract—one which contained several of his noted "option" clauses—and then hired himself the best labor negotiator since Henry Ford used Harry Bennett in an attempt to break the fledgling CIO. The man in question is Jose Sulaiman. Traveling with King as his personal "lap dog," Jose accompanied him to California as late as last March 29th to meet with promoter Don Chargin, Boza-Edwards' manager Mickey Duff, attorney Paul Caruso and Camacho's manager, Billy Giles. The gist of the meeting, enforced by Jose's presence, was that for the proposed Chacon-Boza-Edwards fight to take place, Hector-comelately Camacho would have to step aside. And the only way he would step aside is through the payment of $15,000, presumably paid out of Bobby Chacon's pocket. Then promoter Chargin, who had the rights to Chacon-Boza-Edwards months before King and Camacho materialized, would split the promotion 50-50% with King, the winner to fight Camacho with King getting the lion's share of the promotion, 70-30%. Otherwise, no WBC sanction.

Hopefully, Jose will get more out of this than mere silk underwear and Leicas for sticking his No's into other people's business. What boxing gets is another object lesson in the improprieties that make up that wonderful world of the WBC.

*BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR*


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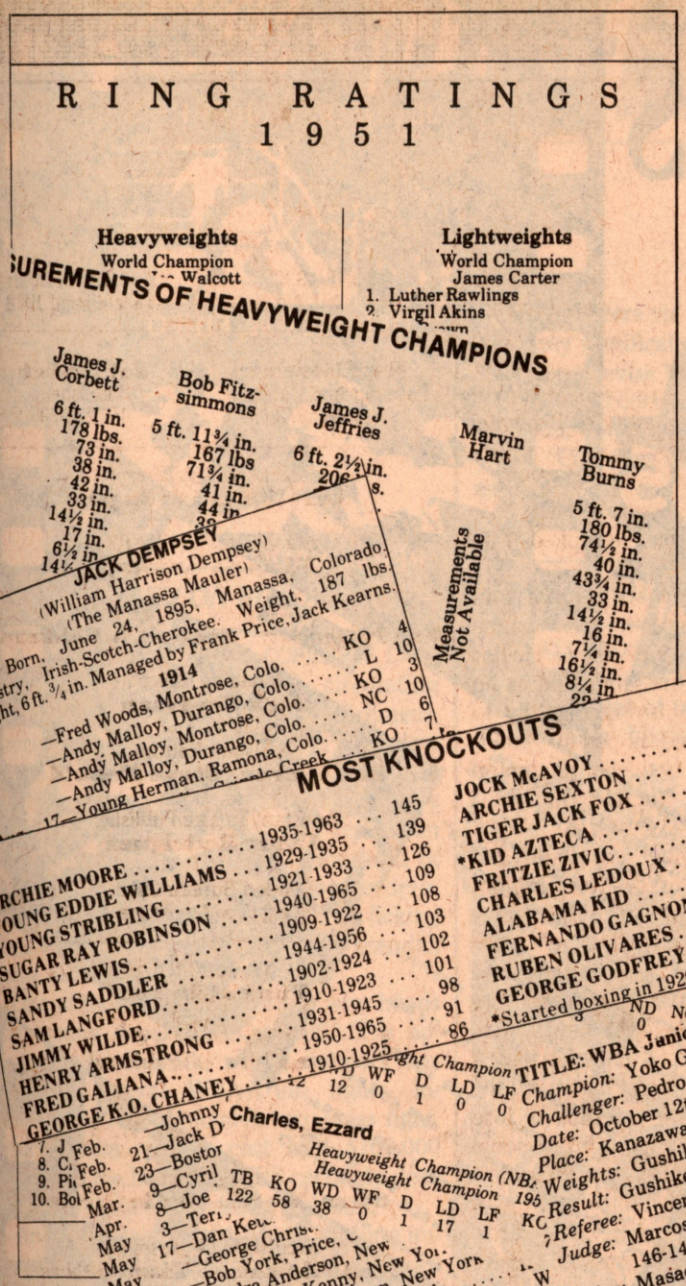


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## BACKLASH ON BOB ARUM

AS A FEW ADVANCE COPIES OF LAST month's *Ring* began circulating among the boxing establishment, shock waves from the Bob Arum interview began to reverberate.

"I'm amazed that he said that," Shelly Finkel said, referring to Arum's revelation that he has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to a WBA "bagman," Pepe Cordero.

While many were chuckling and licking their chops in anticipation of a juicy scandal, some did not find it so amusing.

One of those is Mort Sharnik, who heads the boxing department at CBS. "I'm appalled," said Sharnik, whose network has televised several WBA-Arum fights, including the Ray Mancini-Arturo Frias fight, which Arum reports cost him $100,000 "bribe" to the bagman. "CBS certainly does not countenance something like that."

Arum maintained that he did nothing improper, but was merely playing by the rules of the game—rules which he did not invent. Arum was forced to pay Cordero, who manages Ernesto Espana, to get the Frias fight. Espana was in line for a shot at Frias since he had just lost to Frias on a technical decision, the fight being stopped because Frias was bleeding from the head as a result of an unintentional butt.

"Mancini was going to fight Espana before he fought Frias," Sharnik recalled. "But then Pepe spirited Espana out of the country and said 'nothing doing.' I didn't think there was any need for a payoff. If Mancini couldn't get the title shot in May, so what? We would have done it in September."

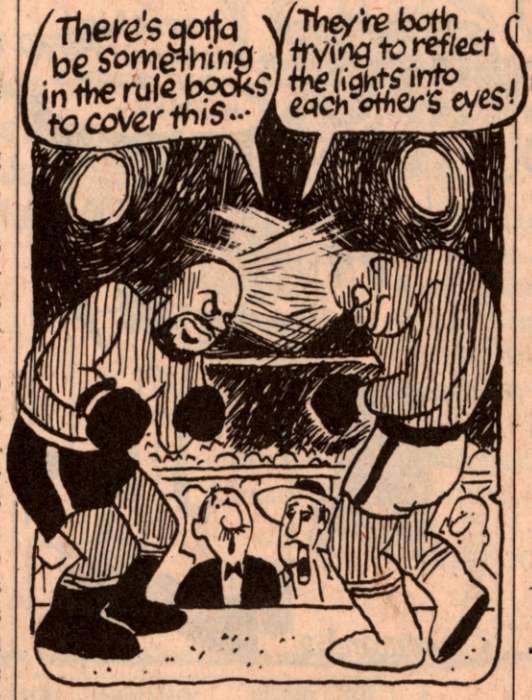
Mancini fought and knocked out Frias to win the title in May and then knocked out Espana in his first defense. As part of the extortion that Mancini and Arum submitted to, they pay Espana and Cordero $25,000 every time Ray defends his title.

IF the WBA does in fact extract money from promoters via a "bagman", might that have any ramifications for CBS, which continues to televise WBA fights?

"We would certainly reconsider the entire situation," promises Sharnik, adding once again, "CBS does not approve of bribery or extortion."

## BIG BAD BEN SIGNS OFF

PALUMBO'S, THE VENERABLE SOUTH Philadelphia nightspot was the site of an event of major proportions to the Philadelphia boxing community. Bennie




Briscoe, the perrenial middleweight contender who fought in the Philly ring wars for a fifth of a century, made his retirement from the sweet science official.

Briscoe compiled a record of 66 wins (53 knockouts), 24 losses and 6 draws in a career that began with a four-round victory over Sam Samuel on September 10, 1962 in Philadelphia. He fought five current, former or future World Middleweight Champions in a career that saw him get knocked out only once, by Rodrigo Valdez in a WBC title fight. Valdez and Carlos Monzon, the champion who drew with Briscoe once and beat him once, could not make it to Bennie's farewell. But Vito Antuofermo, Emile Griffith and Marvin Hagler all came to honor Bennie.

Said Hagler, as he and Briscoe flashed their gleaming ebony pates: "You're looking at the two baddest balds in the world!"

## BACK FROM THE BRINK

THE LOSS OF HIS WBA HEAVYWEIGHT championship on a first-round knockout to Michael Dokes last December sent Mike Weaver into a fit of depression, the depths of which were heretofore unrevealed.

In a recent interview, Weaver told for the first time that he had actually attempted suicide. "I was in despair because I thought God had left me," Weaver reported. "I put a gun to my head and pulled the trigger."

But the gun failed to go off, and Weaver regained the strength to go on with his life. The incident brought to mind the story of Floyd Patterson who dropped into a deep depression after he lost the World Heavyweight Title on a first-round knockout to Sonny Liston in 1962 and duplicated his non-performance in the next year's rematch. But Patterson handled his humiliation by wearing false beards and glasses.

Weaver, before going into training for the Dokes rematch, consoled himself through music. "I play piano eight hours a day," the former WBA champion reports.

## AFTER YOU BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM!

MIKE TRAINER ONCE SAID THAT HE wasn't much of a boxing fan—that he was especially unenamored of the way it was run by the men who called the shots if not the men who threw them. But as the brains behind Sugar Ray Leonard, Trainer oversaw the Olympic champion's rise to two professional championships and the largest fortune ever amassed by an athlete in such a short time. And Trainer got hooked on boxing along the way.

When Leonard gave up his welterweight title and retired following his unfortunate eye injury, Trainer went back to devoting full time to his Maryland legal practice. But he found that didn't quite pack the punch

that the fight game did.

So Trainer was more than happy when he got an offer to join with the "enemy"—Emmanuel Steward who managed Thomas Hearns against Leonard in the epic bout that gave Sugar Ray the undisputed title. Trainer will now work with Steward and Hearns and all the other fighters in Emmanuel's Kronk stable in Detroit.

"The only thing we've been missing is a good negotiator," said Steward. "Mike will be on our legal staff, doing for Kronk what he did for Leonard. Our program is growing and I have to surround myself with good, competent people.

"We've always had a solid rapport. We put the Leonard-Hearns bout together in just ten minutes at the Syracuse airport. We've been working quietly together the last three months. He had never come to Detroit before and was somewhat apprehensive about how Thomas (Hearns) would feel. I brought him over to Tommy's home and everything was fine. Mike will be staying in Maryland but will be on call for us to iron out deals for all (18 of them) my fighters."

## *LET'S GO TO THE VIDEOTAPE*

IT WAS NOT THE "HISTORIC FIRST" FOR boxing that the network's publicity department later claimed it was, but NBC Sports and the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission should be commended nonetheless for righting a wrong and restoring justice after a chaotic and unfair conclusion to a preliminary bout to a nationally televised fight.

A scheduled six-round welterweight prelim to the Johnny Bumphus-Michael Bradley junior welterweight fight in Lancaster, between 4-0 local Sidney Gantz and Jose Fuentes (3-1) of Jersey City was stopped with 57 seconds remaining in the second round because of an eye injury to Gantz. Referee Tony Wolfe and ringside doctor Eugene Gottfried examined Gantz' right eye, and after noting the severity of the cut which it had sustained, Wolfe awarded a TKO to Fuentes.

An angry Gantz claimed that he had been thumbed, and that would have been the end of it had not NBC decided to go back and look at the videotape. Producer Peter Rolfe, in the NBC truck saw that the tape quite clearly showed Gantz being thumbed. Frank Walker, executive secretary of the Athletic Commission and Hank Cisco, the alternate referee ran out to the truck to view the tape after being notified. What they saw prompted them to change the decision from a TKO to a technical draw.

"Fuentes threw a left hook with his thumb extended and the thumb caught Gantz in the eye, causing the injury," reported Cisco.

George Benton, who trains Gantz was happy with the change in result. "It was obvious he was thumbed," said Benton. "It was a shame that a promising young fighter should get his first defeat from an illegal blow."

NBC Sports sent out a press release trumpeting the "historic first (in which a commission took) action to change a decision based on a post-fight look at a television tape." This prompted ABC Sports' Alex Wallau to call *The Ring* and ruffle the Peacock's feathers, so to speak. Wallau pointed out that a similar incident had occurred in Los Angeles over two years ago, and a decision was altered after officials examined an ABC tape. "Gato" Gonzalez had apparently knocked out Herman Montes in the third round of a lightweight bout at the Sports Arena. But the ABC tape confirmed Montes' accusation that he had been hit low, and in the ensuing pandemonium the California officials changed the result to a technical draw.

## *WBA: We Bar Arguello*

THE WBA DOES NOT LET THE OPPORtunity for a quick shakedown go to waste. Former lightweight champion Alexis Arguello, who last year gave junior welterweight kingpin Aaron Pryor the toughest fight of his life in the greatest junior welterweight battle of all time is being denied a ranking in the WBA's top ten, thereby preventing the much sought-after title rematch.

The "oversight" was made all the more ridiculous by the fiasco of the WBA's last number-one contender, Korean Sang Hyun Kim, who bailed out half a minute into the third round of his "effort" against Pryor.

It's hard to figure what the WBA's game is here. A Pryor-Arguello fight would give the WBA incalculable prestige, which it certainly needs to countervail some of its recent disasters. No, the WBA does not want to prevent the rematch from occurring. One can only surmise that the Association hopes to extract a small stipend from the promoter, Main Events, in consideration for removing the roadblock.

## *HOLDING UP HOLMES*

THE WBC HAS COME UP WITH AN equally brazen power-play: an obscure rule in the WBC constitution which allows the Council to bar sanction of a title fight that is proposed for the same card on which a WBA title fight is to take place. To avoid that undesirable occurrance, the promoter is advised to pay a fee to the WBC, under the guise of expense money for the Council to meet and "study" whether or not the granting of a waiver would be warranted.

The WBC recently invoked that option and threatened to withhold sanction of the Larry Holmes-Tim Witherspoon heavyweight title fight, which is scheduled on the same card as the Michael Dokes-Mike Weaver WBA title rematch. After extracting their fee from promoter Don King, the WBC came up with a brilliant solution. The Holmes fight and the Dokes fight may take place in the same arena on the same night. But the promoter must say that they are on different cards. So while one ticket will entitle a customer to see both fights, there will

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be two separate bout sheets and two separate ring announcers. And presumably, reasoned *New York Post* columnist Dick Young, "the ring will be decontaminated between bouts."

## GUILTY AS CHARGED

TONY AYALA JR. DOESN'T SAY A WORD in the exclusive interview that begins on page 70 of this magazine about the woman he has been convicted of raping. (Lawyer's advice.) That's something to be thankful for. Because when Ayala did talk about the 30-year-old former schoolteacher, on the witness stand at his trial in Passaic County, New Jersey Superior Court, he vilified her with scurrilous, slanderous lies.

Unless you live in Passaic or adjacent Bergen County, where *The Bergen Record* provided excellent trial coverage, you are probably unaware of what went on in Judge Amos Saunders' courtroom. The evidence against Ayala—that he had cut open the window screen of the victim's first-floor apartment with a knife to gain entry, that he had tied the victim to her bed at knifepoint and subjected her to a brutal assault for three-quarters of an hour and that he had threatened the victim's roommate with the knife—was unshakable. Indeed, when Ayala's attorney, William DeMarco had the opportunity to cross-examine Ayala's accusers, he didn't even attempt to shake their incriminating testimony, so futile was the task.

But when Ayala took the stand, he proceeded to perjure himself with the outrageous slander that he had tied the woman up at her own behest and that she turned against him when he refused to perform an act which *he* considered revolting. "She has been raped twice," prosecutor Ronald Marmo said of the victim in his summation to the jury. "She was raped in her home and she has been raped in this courtroom. Here in this courtroom she bled for you. He has scarred her for life."

It took the jury only three-and-a-half hours to return a verdict of guilty.

When it comes time for his sentencing on June 26, you can be sure that Ayala will exhibit the proper amount of remorse. But it's a little late for that, and taking Ayala's prior record into account it seems likely that the judge will sentence him to the maximum 50-year term.

In keeping with long-standing policy, *The Ring* will not remove Ayala from the ratings, based on his conviction, before his appeals have run their final course. If he is allowed to continue his boxing career while in prison (*a la* Rahway inmate James Scott), *The Ring* will continue to judge him on his boxing performance and nothing else. But according to Jim Stabile, public information director for the New Jersey State Prison system, Ayala will probably be assigned to Trenton State instead of Rahway, should his sentence run longer than 20 years. Trenton has no program that could include professional boxing.

The future looks bleak for Tony Ayala Jr. But don't shed any tears for him; there are lots of people who deserve your sympathy more.

## BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

WHICH OF MUHAMMAD ALI'S FIGHTS were decided by split decisions?

*Last month's question:* Name the only Heavyweight Champion who never scored a first round knockout before he won the title.

*Answer:* JAMES J. JEFFRIES

## GERRY'S BACK

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GERRY Cooney's return to the ring against Phillip Brown was made at The Plaza, that posh hotel on New York's Central Park South where a room for two for a single night will set you back upwards of $200. Sounds important, doesn't it?

But the New York press is getting on Cooney's case. Phil doesn't fill the bill as the rated contender that Cooney's managers, Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones promised as Gerry's long-awaited next foe. True, the 27-year-old, 6'3" Brown has won 21 and drawn 2 in 23 fights. "Brown has never lost, and a fighter who has never lost... is undefeated," Rappaport accurately pointed out. But Brown's list of victims is more unimpressive than, well... than Gerry's list of stumblebums.

"One day the story will come out about all the pain and injuries that Gerry suffered in training for the Holmes fight," said Rappaport to the media assemblage. "We don't want to make any excuses, because that's all done with," Rappaport continued before he and trainer Victor Valle reeled off the entire litany: Torn left shoulder muscle, damaged right hand, injured back, scratched left cornea, scratched right cornea as well as a couple of family and personal tragedies.

Cooney, Rappaport and Jones blame the media for not treating Gerry right, and their list of newsmen whom they don't speak to is ever-expanding. Sal Marchiano of ESPN, who showed up at the press conference is the latest to make the "enemies list", which already includes at least two colleagues of ours at *The Ring*.

"I was depressed after I lost to Holmes," Cooney admitted, "and I didn't want to come back just for the money. But now I feel good, my weight is down, and I want to fight."

"We're willing to fight anybody," Rappaport insists, "but all the other top-ten heavyweights have other commitments or are controlled by Don King. Brown is the opponent with the most respectable record we could come up with."

The Brown fight will be promoted by Cooney's usual promoter, Tiffany Promotions, at Caesars Palace. But ABC, which was offered the live telecast, has turned it down. "We looked at tapes of Brown against Jimmy Young," said Bob Iger, the network's director of sports planning. (Brown's split decision victory over the 34-year-old Young is the biggest win of his career.) "And Brown was backing up against *Young!*"

## COETZEE LATER

IF YOU THOUGHT GERRY COETZEE'S FORtunes were tied together with Bob Arum's, think again. The South African heavyweight and his manager, Cedric Kushner, have just said see ya later to Arum and signed a letter of agreement with Don King, who for years said he would never have anything to do with Coetzee. What Coetzee gets out of this is a clear path to another shot at the WBA title. (Of course, as the number one WBA contender, he should not have had any trouble getting his chance, anyway.) So after Michael Dokes and Mike Weaver get through with their rematch, look for King to promote the winner against Coetzee, at around the same time that Larry Holmes fights Greg Page or Renaldo Snipes for the World Championship.

Says Arum, who was instrumental in bringing Coetzee to the United States, "The guy's a mental case."

## PUNCHLINES

MIKE TRAINER, WATCHING JOSE Sulaiman misread Michael Spinks' weight as "123" instead of "173" and being told by some wag that "Jose can't tell the difference between 123 and 173": "He can if there are zeroes attached!"

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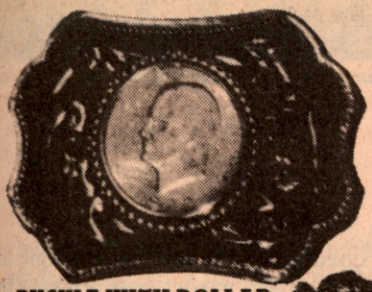
**BY BEN SHARAV**



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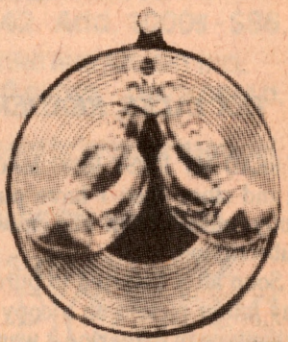

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### *TEX TALKS, READERS REACT*

I READ MY FIRST RING MAGAZINE IN 1946 and since then I have purchased every copy either from the newsstand or by subscription.

Soon after I started to purchase the Ring, my father picked up a copy and asked me what type of magazine it was. I pointed with pride to the Ring Statement and I quote, "The Ring is a magazine which a man may take home with him. He may leave it on his library table safe in the knowledge that it does not contain one line of matter either in the text or advertisements which would be offensive. The publisher of the Ring guards this reputation of his magazine jealously. It is entertaining and it is clean."

Now, nearly 40 years later, I am shocked to see in an interview with a fourth-rate heavyweight that your magazine would publish the obscenities voiced by him. Adding them added nothing to an already worthless article.

For the first time in nearly 40 years, I cannot leave a Ring Magazine out in the open for fear it may prove offensive to some unsuspecting reader. I certainly hope you reconsider your change in philosophy and revert back to that which made the Ring Magazine the greatest boxing publication ever.

*DONALD McCORMICK, WASHINGTON, PENNA.*

THE INTERVIEW WITH RANDALL COBB printed in the April edition was loaded with vulgar words, phrases, profanity, and topped off with an obscenity that started with Muther———." See bottom of page 21.

I certainly would *not* leave that magazine around where my wife or even grown children might glance through it.

Also, it's hard for me to see why you chose to feature Cobb on the cover page. I would think you'd reserve that for somebody who has made a great contribution of some kind to boxing—somebody your readers might respect and admire. Especially young boxers.

I've been a subscriber to "RING" since 1968 and have, likewise, bought a copy of every edition of the RING RECORD BOOK since 1972. But another interview like Cobb's and I'm cancelling.

*FRITZ BRENNECKE, GOLDEN, COLO.*

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED YOUR INTERVIEW of Randall "Tex" Cobb in the April issue of Ring Magazine. His humor and candor was refreshing compared to the rather predictable and uninspiring responses from most boxers in other dialogues.

Cobb's championship bout with Larry Holmes was a curious mixture of courage and futility. He displayed raw virtue in a losing effort. I'll never forget the battered image, standing in the middle of the ring, arms heavy at his side, his neck flexed forward, motionless, except for his heaving chest while the referee ordered a halt to the action. As he stood there, I pitied him, knowing as much as he that the beating would continue. Yet, he accepted it and he never stopped trying.

There is something about this man that is so special and inspiring, and is possessed by so few. Pain, embarrassment, and failure strips away the veneer of our souls. It exposes the true substance within us. In Cobb's case, it disclosed what many of us only wish we could have.

*DR. ALBERT P. CLAPS JR., UNIONDALE, N.Y.*

*EDITOR'S NOTE:* The Ring *has not abandoned its dedication to putting out what we consider to be, on balance, a wholesome publication. However, we also have not abandoned a policy of accurate journalism. And when, as occurred during the interview with Randall "Tex" Cobb, the interviewee,* in his own words, *makes a statement he feels is important to him, it is our duty to accurately reflect that impression. Perhaps we erred on the side of accurate journalism.*

*But we believe that the English language is living language and that it has come a long way since Clark Gable created a public uproar with his famous "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn. . . " comment at the end of* Gone With The Wind. *Maybe the 1980's just aren't ready for Gable yet.*

### *DON'T WAIT 'TILL FIGHT IS OVER TO GIVE THE SCORE*

IT APPEARS TO ME THAT AN "IN-PROGRESS, scoring disclosure system" is long overdue for boxing, a sport seemingly unique in that spectators and participants are kept in the dark as to the scoring during the match.

While I can think of possible disadvantages of such a system with respect to the ringside officials, it appears to me that the advantages would outweigh any such problems.

Needless to say, such a system would quickly disclose the incompetence of certain officials, and it would assist the referee in determining whether a bout should be stopped where one of the contestants is hopelessly behind in the scoring, and unlikely to score a KO.

I also think that such a system would decrease the number of mismatches created by promoters and managers, and benefit the fighters and cornermen as to their strategy as the fight progresses.

*ROBERT PENLEY, CARLSBAD, CALIF.*

### *BIG BUCKS*

REGARDING "PUTTING THE Q.T. ON BOXING IN P.Q." (*Round One,* February)—the Duran Leonard fight in Montreal: I understand that the Olympic Installations Board failed to produce the hotel arrangements and that only 15,000—instead of the anticipated 30,000—Americans showed up. Well, assuming that the other 15,000 *had* come, how would they have cancelled out the $2.6 million loss? Sure, "professional boxing is a complicated business," but how can they use this as an excuse? I mean, $2.6 million?!

*JEFFREY W. STECK, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: At $100 per ticket, 15,000 additional customers would have wiped out more than 60 percent of the $2.6 million loss. They money they would have spent on hotel accommodations, food, et al should have been a boom to the local economy and more than made up for any loss. In short, the OIB undeniably botched it.*

### *HUNG UP*

RANDY GORDON IS AN INTERESTING AND intelligent writer but I believe that he is "hung up" on race.

Not long ago Mr. Gordon wrote about a black boxer fighting "before a redneck Florida crowd." Perhaps Randy doesn't know that Florida is indeed made up of a cosmopolitan population and that the word

"redneck" is as offensive to a white southerner as "nigger" is to a black or "kike" is to a Jew.

Mr. Gordon's story on Larry Holmes (March) contained the inflamatory statement, "Holmes rode the racist waves which might have downed other fighters" in reference to the Holmes-Cooney fight.

I suppose that Mr. Gordon is saying that white people who supported Cooney were racist. Would he have said the same about black people who supported Joe Louis on the way up? Does he believe that blacks who supported Ali were racist?

I supported Cooney and also Irish Billy Collins from Nashville. As I am of Irish descent and white I suppose that makes me a racist. I have a problem though. I also support—almost have a heart attack every time they fight—Clint Jackson, Johnny Bumphus, Jerome Coffee and Anthony Murray. These guys are all blacks from Nashville and I know them. Perhaps Randy will explain this to me.

*JIM CORBON, NASHVILLE, TENN.*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Randy has assured us that he is not prejudiced against white people and that some of his best friends are, in fact, white.*

## *RATE THE CRUISERWEIGHTS*

THE RING INTERNATIONAL RATINGS have gained much respect and credibility over the past two and a half years

But the integrity of the ratings is compromised by *The Ring's* refusal to rate the cruiserweight class.

What is one to do about rating Carlos DeLeon? S.T. Gordon? Ossie Ocasio? Leon Spinks? And a bunch of others?

The average weight separation between light heavyweights and heavyweights is approximately 40 pounds, a whopping sum compared to the differentials between other adjacent weight classifications. DeLeon, Gordon, et al. cannot be rated as light heavyweights since by definition a light heavyweight weighs not more than 175 pounds.

The Ring recognizes the junior middleweights, junior lightweights and junior featherweights; to refuse to rate the cruiserweights is to appear stodgy and to cheapen the ratings.

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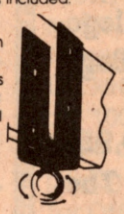

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—MICHAEL J. FEDOCK

**A** *Joe is, unfortunately, no longer with us. It's a shame, too, since he would have celebrated his 114th birthday last November 8. (Choynski died in Cincinnati on January 25, 1943.)*

**Q** Was the decision Jack Johnson won over Sam Langford in 1906 justified? As I understand, Sam had the future champion on the canvas and, at times, on the verge of a knockout.

—TONY T. BROWN

**A** *The verdict was a good one. Jack was not floored, and at no time was he in danger. The story you heard was one circulated by Joe Woodman, Langford's manager, in an effort to get Sam a title bout. Contemporary newspaper clippings tell a story vastly different from the one given by Woodman.*

**Q** How old is Ezzard Charles, and what is he doing nowadays?

—GEORGE HENDLER

**A** *Charles died in Chicago on May 27, 1975, and doesn't seem to be doing much of anything.*

**Q** My friend, Joe Berlin, sparred with Young Stribling in Georgia back in the 1920s. Who was Young Stribling and what was his record? Did he fight for a world title?

—B.R. MULLIN, M.D.

**A** *William Lawrence (Young) Stribling was one of the top light heavyweights of the late 1920s. He started boxing in the pro ranks as a bantamweight in 1921, when he was 16, and fought his last bout on September 22, 1933—10 days before he was killed in a motorcycle accident. Stribling fought a 10-round draw with Mike McTigue for the latter's world light heavyweight title in Columbus, Georgia on October 4, 1923, and lost to Paul Berlenbach in a bid for the same crown on June 10, 1926. On July 3, 1931, he faced Max Schmeling in Cleveland for the heavyweight title, but was TKO'd in the 15th and final round. That was the only time Stribling was ever stopped. Overall record: 286 total bouts, with 126 kayoes, 93 wins on points, three wins on fouls, 14 draws, two losses on fouls, nine losses on points, one defeat by TKO, 36 no decision bouts, and two fights declared no contest.*

**Q** Who did Mike Weaver beat to win the WBA heavyweight title? Also, what was George Foreman's lifetime record, and when did he retire?

—JEFF OKURA

**A** *Weaver knocked out John Tate with a left hook in the 15th round in Knoxville on March 31, 1980 to win that title. Foreman's overall record was 45-2 with 42 kayoes. He retired after Jimmy Young outpointed him in San Juan, P.R. on St. Patrick's Day in 1977.*

**Q** Was Ernesto Marcel, the WBA featherweight champion, the same man who was kayoed by Roberto Duran on May 16, 1970?

—SAL ALAIMO

**A** *One and the same fighter.*

**Q** Who did Jimmy Clabby beat to win the welterweight title? And how did he lose it?

—MICHAEL DUDLACK

**A** *Clabby won the vacant crown by stopping Guy Buckles in the 13th round in Sheridan, Wyoming on September 5, 1910 and held it for about six months before he went into the middleweight division.*

**Q** I'm 14 years old, and have bad eyesight. Should I box?

—SEAN ROGERS

**A** *No.*

**Q** Did Billy Cox box under his own name? Is he Pennsylvania Dutch?

—J.P. BLANCHE

**A** *Billy's full name is William David Conn, Jr. He is Irish.*

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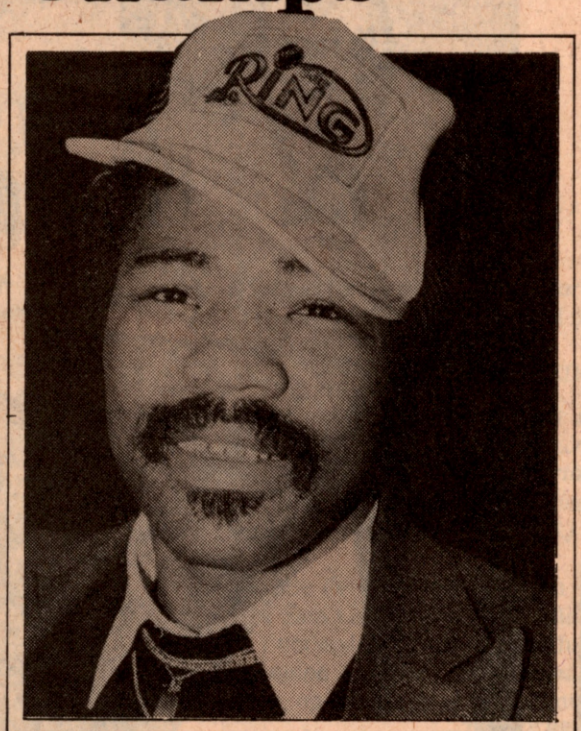


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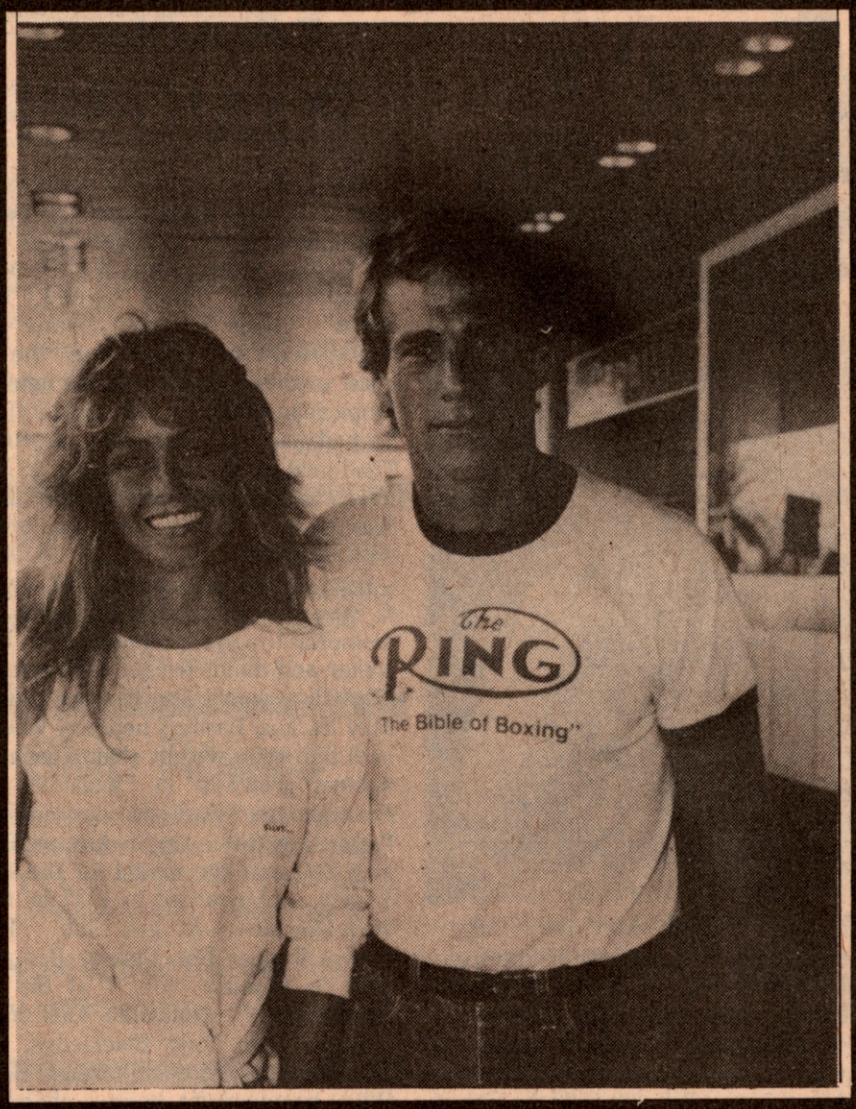


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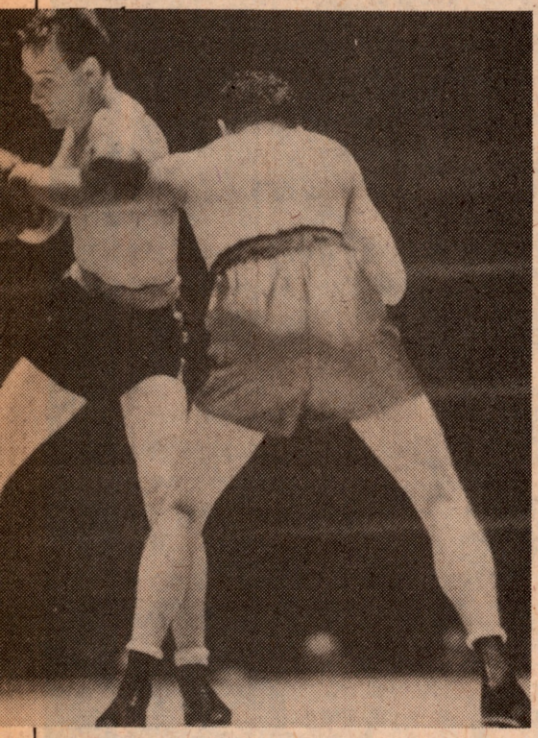

IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO THAT JIMMY McLarnin won the welterweight title from Young Corbett III, with a one-round knockout in Los Angeles, Calif. On May 29, 1933. A testimonial was held recently for Jimmy in Los Angeles in honor of the occasion. Also this past Feb. 29, 1983 the city of Fresno, Calif. honored Young Corbett III, who won the welterweight title from Jackie Fields fifty years ago on Feb. 22, 1933. The fifty years since have been kind to McLarnin. He is in good health, both physically and mentally. But not so with Young Corbett and Jackie Fields. Both are mentally ill in rest homes. Corbett in Auberry, Calif. and Fields in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jimmy, who will be 77 years old this coming December 19, 1983 keeps in shape by playing 18 holes of golf weekly and is very active in VBA functions...Another former fistic great, King Tut (Henry Tuttle), A welterweight out of St. Paul, Minn. in the 1920s, is in a rest home in Stockton, Calif.

Henry Davis, former leading featherweight contender from Honolulu now living in Los Angeles who fought all the top men of the '50s era, now training and working with European fighers. Henry trained Eckhard Dagge former Junior Middleweight champion from Berlin for his bouts with Vito Antuofermo, Elisha Obed, Emile Griffith, Maurice Hope and Rocky Mattioli, all title bouts...Ronnie Burns, ex-boxer and a New Jersey referee, recently underwent quadruple bypass surgery and is now at home recuperating. "God Speed, Ronnie Burns"...Thad Spencer, former leading heavyweight contender from the Pacific coast was recently seen at the fights at the Tropicanan Hotel in Atlantic City and informed this writer that he is now promoting. Thad held his first show on Jan. 13, 1983 at the Paramount Theatre in Seattle, Washington. "Good Luck in your Endeavors, Thad"....

Boxing fans in Canastota, N.Y. are trying to raise thirty thousand dollars to erect a memorial to Carmen Basilio, who held the welter and middleweight titles back in the '50s. They would also like a showcase for Billy Backus, Basilio's nephew, who briefly held the welterweight championship. Both fighters grew up in Canastota, N.Y.... Former heavyweight contender Bob Pastor's brother-in-law, ex-fullback Ed Smith of N.Y.U., was the model for the Heisman Trophy, first awarded in 1935 by the New York Downtown Athletic Club...The 24th annual Dapper Dan Charity Banquet was held on Monday, Feb. 7 at the Tangier Restaurant in Akron, Ohio. That night they honored both Todd Blackledge, quarterback for Penn State and Michael Dokes the WBA heavyweight boxing champion, as 1983 Dapper Dan "Men of the Year". Cleveland sports columnist Dan Coughlin was guest speaker for the occasion...

On June 24th 1983, Jack Dempsey, will celebrate his 88th date of birth, "Happy Birthday Champ...Add Jack to the longevity list of those who surrounded him: The late Jack Kearns, his former manager was in his 80's when he died some years back; Joe Benjamin, sparring partner and pal of Dempsey is 84; and Teddy Hayes, the trainer and one-time manager of Dempsey and Benjamin is 94 and still in great shape. They must have supped at the same Fountain of Youth.

Goldie Hess, former great lightweight contender during the 1920s and 30s is now working as a school crossing guard in his hometown of Redondo Beach, California...

Former Light heavyweight champ, Melio Bettina, and ex-great middleweight contender of the late '40s and '50s Artie Levine, were the first beneficiaries of the new Ray Arcel Medical Center. The center, located at 1435 Broadway in New York City, gives free medical diagnostic examinations to all veteran boxers and trainers who are members of Ring 8 of New York. The program went into effect on Jan. 1, 1983...

March 27, 1983, the 28th Annual dinner and dance sponsored by Veteran Boxers Association Ring 8 of New York was held at the Holiday Inn, West 57th Street in New York. Those honored included: Ben Jeby, former world middleweight champion; Johnny DeFoe, ex-featherweight contender of the '30s; Howard "Kid" Clark, former welterweight contender of the '30s , and Bill Gallo, sports columnist and cartoonist of the New York *Daily News*. 350 were on hand to pay tribute to these fine men...Belated news comes from Ring 4, Boston, of the deaths of Gerard "Jit" LaBella of East Boston, long-time member of Ring 4 who passed away on Jan. 13, 1983, and Tony Shucco former great light heavyweight boxer of the North End part of Boston, who beat five world champions. RIP...also Charley Krikorian, former middleweight from Union City, N.J., passed away on Jan. 29, 1983. Krikorian was a member of Ring's 14 and 21 and is enshrined into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame. RIP...

The former great Norwegian heavyweight the late Otto von Porat, was recently remembered in his native land of Norway. An account of the life of Otto, the only gold medalist to ever come out of Norway—Von Porat was the Olympic heavyweight champion in 1924—was given on February 12, 1983 at the Torske Club in Norway Center, Oslo. The guest speakers, along with Von Porat's old manager, shared comments and reminisences of Von Porat's fighting career and his bouts with such men as Young Stribling, Paolino Uzcudun, Martin Burke, Battling Levinsky, Tom Heeney, Johnny Risko, Jack DeMave, Emmet Rocco and K.O. Christner, among others. Von Porat was considered a good fighter who could hit hard and hurt an opponent, but lacked the killer instinct. He was one of the leading contenders when Gene Tunney retired and fought quite successfully in this country around the Chicago area. Otto retired in 1934 and went into teaching at the Handels Gymnasium in Oslo, Norway. He also wrote three books about his career. After suffering from poor health for several years, Otto Von Porat died on October 14, 1982. RIP...

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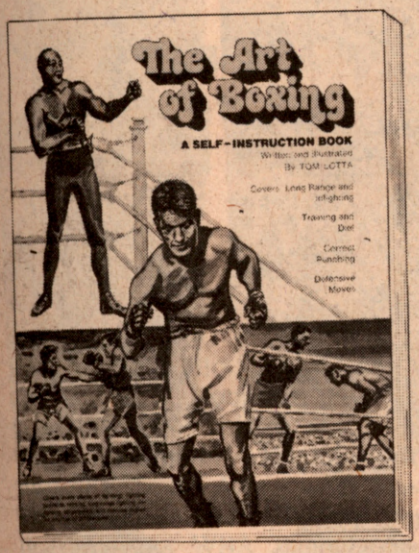


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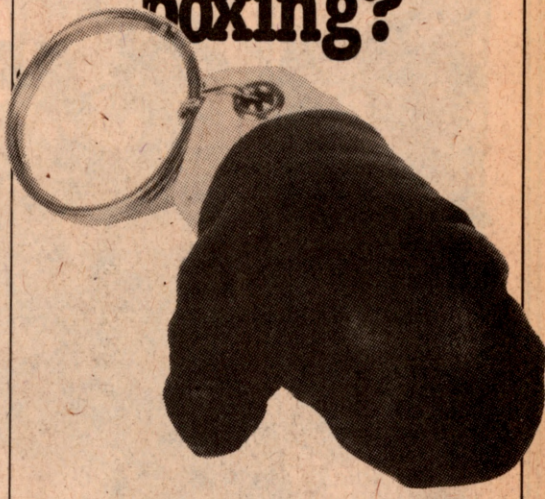

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# RAY MANCINI: WILL BOOM-BOOM BE ABLE TO CONVERT ANOTHER BAD BREAK INTO GOOD FORTUNE?

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE FOR Ray Mancini to go back in the ring, another career crisis comes along and the "Boom Boom-Bang Bang" extravaganza in South Africa went bye-bye. The gala affair was to feature Mancini defending his WBA lightweight title against Ken Bogner and Roberto Duran challenging Davey Moore for his WBA junior middleweight crown. Frank Sinatra was to highlight the undercard with a 30 minute concert leading one wag to call the event "Old Blue Eyes and Old Black Eyes."

But a freak accident which, according to Mancini's hometown newspaper, *The Youngstown Vindicator,* occurred when "punches thrown by Mancini and a sparring partner met head on," resulted in a broken collarbone that will put Mancini out of action for at least five months. The injury may have spoiled his first million dollar payday but in the unpredictable career of this 22-year old, his stock seems to rise sharply every time he faces adversity, which seems to be every fight.

Ask any boxing expert to describe Ray Mancini, the fighter, and you'll get such complimentary remarks as "gutty," "courageous," "tough," and "determined." Ask these same people where Ray Mancini rates right now among the all-time lightweight champions and they'll say matter-of-factly that he is not in the same league of such greats as Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong and Roberto Duran. But Mancini and his manager, Dave Wolf, couldn't care less. The postponement of the Bogner fight probably cost them over two million dollars when you tally up the purse, percentage of the gross and endorsements; but if Ray continues fighting, there will be similar paychecks to collect. Besides, they have discovered a better and safer way to make a living.

And while the names Aaron Pryor, Alexis Arguello, Howard Davis and Hector Camacho will all be mentioned as potential big-money opponents, they're all going to have to sit back for awhile with the rest of the world and witness the biggest milking of a world title in boxing history.

Dave Wolf is an ex-sportswriter who knows something about the marketing of fighters. He was fairly successful in pulling off boxing's version of "The Sting" with the abbreviated ring career of football standout Ed "Too Tall" Jones. With Mancini, Wolf admits, "We're selling a product you don't have to phony up. It's easier being out front with people." He also has a commodity in Mancini—a white one at that—who can not only be marketed inside the ring, but outside as well.

Inside the ring, Wolf knows he has to be very careful with Mancini because his give-and-take style of fighting does not make for a long career. But, if Ray can command a million dollars against a lesser opponent like Bogner, who pulled a "No Mas" against Livingstone Bramble, there is no rush to risk the title for a big payday against a Davis or a Pryor.

By Steve Medwid

Besides, with the WBA rating fighters of questionable ability like Ernesto Espana, Deuk-Koo Kim and now Orlando Romero as No. 1 contenders, they provide an avenue for stretching Ray's career. Even an out.

By extending Ray's fighting career, Wolf can exploit Mancini's mass appeal outside the ring, an overall appeal which has taken shape in 1983. This exploitation includes a fashion layout in *Penthouse* magazine, a long-term agreement for endorsing a line of children's boxing toys and Sylvester Stallone purchasing the film rights to produce Mancini's life story in which Ray will star as himself in the made-for-TV movie.

And this is just the beginning, according to Wolf's attorney, Regina Andriolo, who was responsible for the fashion spread. Now, the Wolf-Mancini tandem is weighing offers for endorsements in men's toiletries, sporting goods and other high fashion areas. They are also looking into the possibility of endorsing ethnic products both in the United States and abroad and, more importantly, Andriolo expressed hope that Ray would star in a television commercial by the end of the year. One would have to assume that they will leave the Norelco Shaver commercials to Gerry Cooney since it's hard to imagine Ray ever having to shave his baby face.

So far, Wolf has been very selective in all the new ventures. "One or two big money deals are not going to change his lifestyle," says Wolf. "But the wrong deal can make our existence unplea-

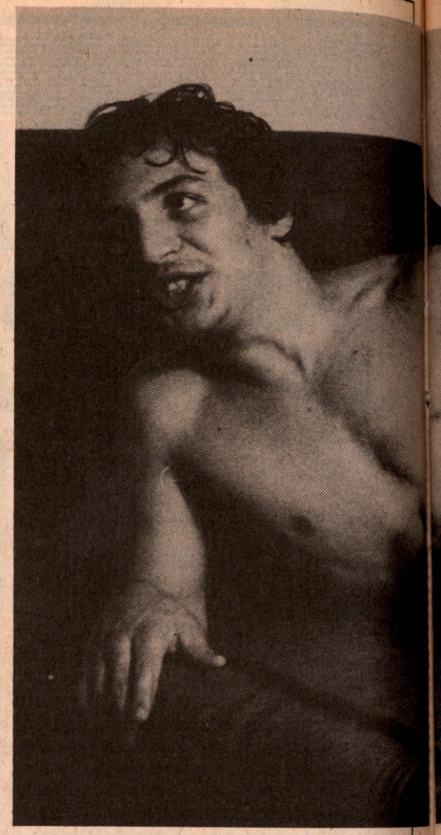
sant. When we were considering the *Penthouse* layout, we wanted to make sure he was modeling fashions, not posing with a model."

"Ray photographs very well and this was good modeling exposure for him," added Andriolo, who worked at *Penthouse* for seven years. It was her connection with publisher Bob Guccione—whom she describes as an avid boxing fan—that led to the layout.

Mancini's appeal to the youth market resulted in the line of toys that consist of a bop bag, a stand-up punching bag and boxing gloves. "Boxing toys are a sensitive area," says Wolf. "We wanted rigid quality control and not some *schlock* toy."

The only products Wolf will not have Mancini endorse are tobacco and alcohol. (Of course, cigarette advertisements do not use recognizable personalities, and active athletes are forbidden from plugging alcohol.) This would go against the "genuine good guy image" that Ray naturally displays in his open love for his family, people and God which, not incidentally, Mancini feels is something America has lost.

To adults, he is the model son and the clean-cut boy next door, one you wish your daughter would date. To women, his good looks make him a sex symbol, someone you would just like to cuddle in your arms. To youths, his toughness and courage in the ring makes him a hero. To America, he is the blue-collar champion who got where he is today through hard work and determination. And, to the business world, he is a genuine white product, yet one who has not been marketed under the guise of a



"White Hope" or "Golden Boy."

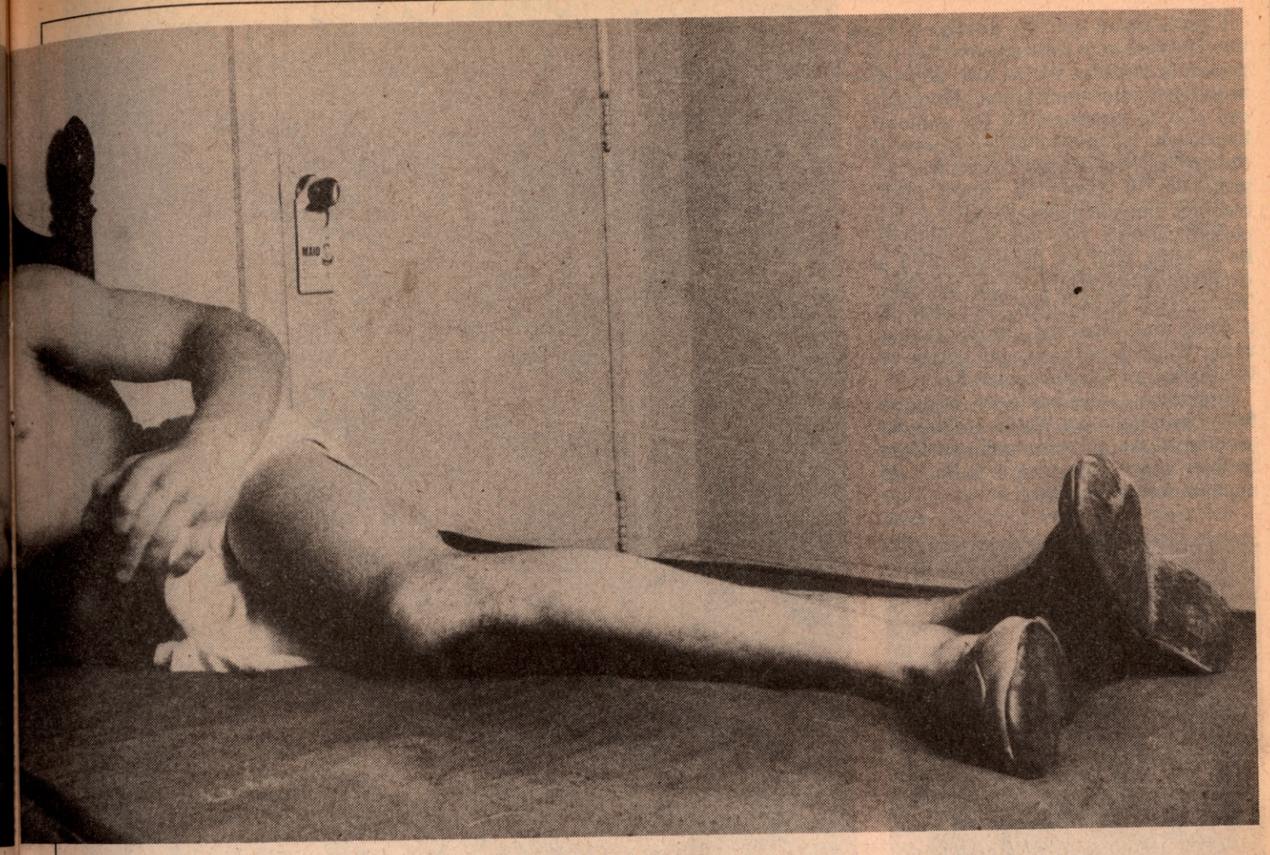
Put that all together with a fighter who has struggled to overcome failure, brutality, death in the ring and now personal injury and they spell a movie script that even Stallone could not have concocted; a real life Rocky story which comes to life through the medium of television.

"You couldn't have scripted this thing," says Bob Arum, who has been promoting Mancini's fights for the last two years, "no one would friggin' believe it. It sounds too corny. These things don't happen in real life."

Yet, on national TV, a nation has watched the saga of Ray Mancini unfold in a fashion it can relate to. The story started with a dream: to win the title which had eluded his dad, Lenny, 40 years ago because World War II cut short his promising career. The dream was shattered by Alexis Arguello, who pounded Mancini before knocking him out in the 14th round.

Rather than go into seclusion and pout, Mancini got right back in the ring,





scoring a second round knockout over Manuel Abedoy, while Wolf went back to the bargaining tables of that wonderful world of the WBA to secure a title shot. After Wolf had hammered out an agreement with Espana's manager, Pepe Cordero, which had Espana stepping aside for "Hundreds of thousands of dollars"—as Arum related in last month's *Ring*—plus an agreement whereby Mancini paid Espana Cordero $25,000 for each title defense, Mancini got his title shot. The result: a first round knockout over Art Frias and the WBA lightweight title.

Remembering his roots, Mancini returned to his economically depressed hometown of Youngstown, Ohio and packed 20,000 people from all economic strata into a high school football stadium to watch him knock out Espana. Even here Mancini "remembered," scaling the top ticket at "just" $50.00.

Then tragedy struck, but a nation rallied around Mancini after watching him fatally injure Korea's Deuk-Koo Kim. Again, he overcame adversity and returned to the homeland of his forebearers, Italy, to resume his career against George Feeney in a bout which resulted in the highest ratings ever for NBC-TV's Sportsworld.

It is no wonder that Wolf insisted Mancini play himself or at the very least have a large role in making a movie deal for the rights of his life story. "Actually, the deal selected was not the most lucrative one offered to us," said Wolf. "It was our feeling that Stallone could handle the story best. But we also felt that Ray has potential in acting and only Stallone was forceful in making sure Ray was part of the movie."

Usually a life story on a boxer is made once his career is over. But Stallone, who has this thing about sequels, decided he had more than enough material to produce the first in what could be a long line of Mancini and son-of-Flicka type flicks.

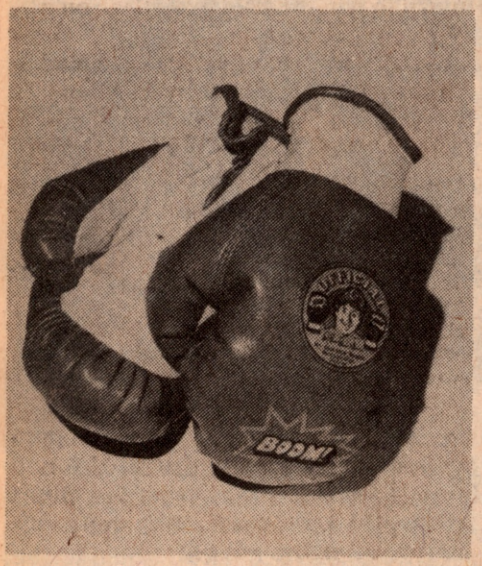
Playing himself in his own life story should be a snap for Mancini, who so far has been able to keep things in perspective. He has already achieved his goal by winning the title which had eluded his dad. He is aware of what the critics say about his style of fighting, but is not overly concerned with being the greatest lightweight of all time. He realizes that he's on "borrowed time" and right now he'll take whatever comes his way as a result of his success in the ring.

For Wolf, each success for Mancini in the ring will cost the promoter a minimum of one million dollars—something only Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard could command. He says that Mancini is a free agent although he admits that Arum "has a leg up" on the other promoters.

Wolf's original schedule for Mancini once called for a mandatory defense against Romero and then a big fight. But that schedule may now have been derailed by the broken collarbone. But if the collarbone mends correctly and the Romero fight takes place, Davis should be Mancini's next opponent, if he continues his winning ways.

Pryor's name can be dismissed for now because he is too dangerous an opponent to consider. Win or lose, Ray will absorb too much punishment. Camacho can also be dismissed for the moment because he is handled by Jeff Levine of Round One Productions. Levine was the promoter of many or Ray's early matches and still claims to have an exclusive contract with Mancini, but now he is suing Wolf for damages. Wolf is challenging the validity of the contract. This one will be tied up in the courts for a while and whatever the decision in court, Wolf's decision is to put Levine on the docket for the forseeable future.

Preliminary talks had been going on for a Davis fight, but Wolf is looking for an offer of around three million dollars for his fighter. "The trick is to build an appetite for it," says Wolf.




Davis, however, is not about to sit tight and wait. And so, while biding his time, he remains active. By doing this, he may lose in the process; something which oftimes happens in that soap opera known as boxing. Wolf knows that the worst thing that could happen in a fight with Davis is that Mancini will lose by decision, and because of Davis' light punching power, suffer little physical damage.

That is why Wolf is monitoring Mancini from fight to fight. "He certainly won't be fighting into his late 20's," says Wolf. "His style subjects him to damage. We have already achieved a lot more than we expected and it would not be that traumatic to stop."

Maybe it is all over now anyway, with one too many breaks coming the way of Ray Mancini.

# GIMME A BREAK...

A PROMOTER IS NEVER ABSOLUTELY certain a fight is going to come off until both combatants step into the ring, for no matter how many preventative steps are taken, the only thing is the uncertainty of whether the bout, to use a Cosellism, "eventuates."

For instance, 1982 could be called the "Year of the Postponement." Thomas Hearns pulled out of his title fight with middleweight champion Marvin Hagler after claiming he hurt his pinky when he tripped while doing roadwork. Gerry Cooney developed a shoulder injury in preparation for his showdown with heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, pushing back the multi-million dollar bout three months. Sugar Ray Leonard underwent surgery for a detached retina, forcing not only the cancellation of his welterweight defense against Roger Stafford, but his premature retirement as well.

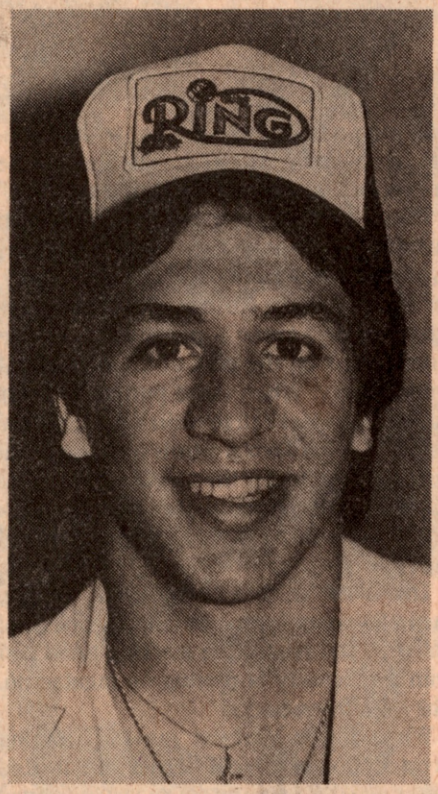
Ray Mancini's collarbone injury, which he suffered while sparring with Ted Hatfield, ranks up there with the all-time "freak" injuries. In 1938, welterweight champion Henry Armstrong slipped on a rug while shadow boxing for his upcoming fight with Ceferino Garcia. Doctors discovered a slipped disc in his back and the fight was postponed. Six weeks later, Armstrong retained his title on a 15-round decision.

According to Nat Fleischer's *50 Years at Ringside*, Luis Firpo showed up at the weigh-in for his fight against heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey with a dislocated left elbow. Rather than cancel the fight, doctors snapped the elbow back into place. That night, Firpo knocked Dempsey out of the ring in the first round, only to have Dempsey storm back and knock him out in round two.

A majority of fighters' injuries occur not in actual competition, but in sparring sessions. Three such examples are former heavyweight champions Gene Tunney, James J. Braddock and Rocky Marciano.

During the preparation for his rematch against Jersey Joe Walcott, Marciano suffered a deviated septum after being hit with a right by sparring partner Tommy Harrison. Rather than pull out of the fight, Marciano wore a specially-designed headguard to protect his nose, and the fight took place as scheduled, with Marciano retaining his crown on a first-round knockout.

Training for his rematch with Dempsey, Gene Tunny experienced memory lapses after clashing heads




with sparring partner Frank Muskie. After the accidental butt, Tunney boxed three more rounds with Eddie Egan. Later that day, Tunney recalled nothing about the sparring session. The following morning, Tunney again experienced a loss of memory. He decided then to take time off until his memory returned. When it did, three days later, Tunney resumed training for his rematch against Jack Dempsey, "The Battle of the Long Count." Tunney won by a decision.

Hiding an injury from the media is almost an impossibility, but James Braddock did it in 1935 while training for his title shot against Max Baer. Braddock bruised his ribs in sparring and left camp for a few days. Luckily, the fight was overshadowed by the third Barney Ross-Jimmy McLarnin fight and the New York debut of Joe Louis. While Braddock was training at Loch Sheldrake in the Catskill Mountains, Ross was training a few miles down the road at Grossingers and McLarnin was in the vicinity of both camps at Swan Lake. Fortunately for Braddock, no writers showed up at his camp, all too busy covering the training sessions of Ross and McLarnin—whose fight took place 16 days before Braddock-Baer. Braddock recovered from his injury to win the title from Baer on a 15-round decision.

Even "The Greatest," Muhammad Ali, was not immune to injury. Shortly before his rematch against Sonny Liston, Ali suffered a hernia, which required surgery. Ali also had his jaw broken during a bout with Ken Norton on March 31, 1973. Ali recovered to outpoint Norton six months later.

A cut eye suffered while sparring put heavyweight king George Foreman on the sideline for several weeks, postponing his title defense against Ali. Foreman probably wished the fight was postponed forever, because when the bout did eventually take place, Ali stopped him in the eighth round.

But the all-time holder among champions for postponing fights is Sugar Ray Robinson. If he wasn't satisfied with his condition, Robinson would not fight. One time at a weigh-in in Boston, Robinson pulled out against lightly-regarded Georgie Small because he wasn't feeling well.

The commissions may have been a little lenient with Robinson, but not with others such as Marty Servo. In training to defend his welterweight crown against Robinson, Servo suffered a deviated septum. The boxing commission ordered Servo to fight. Instead, he retired. Robinson later boxed Tommy Bell to win the vacant title.

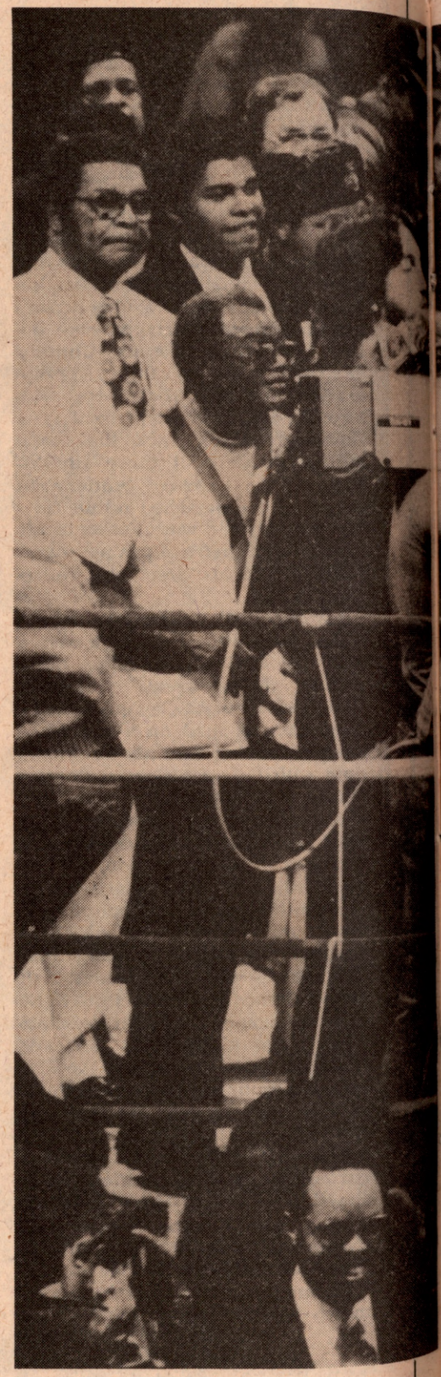
Now you can add Ray Mancini to the list of those who injured themselves in the line of duty.

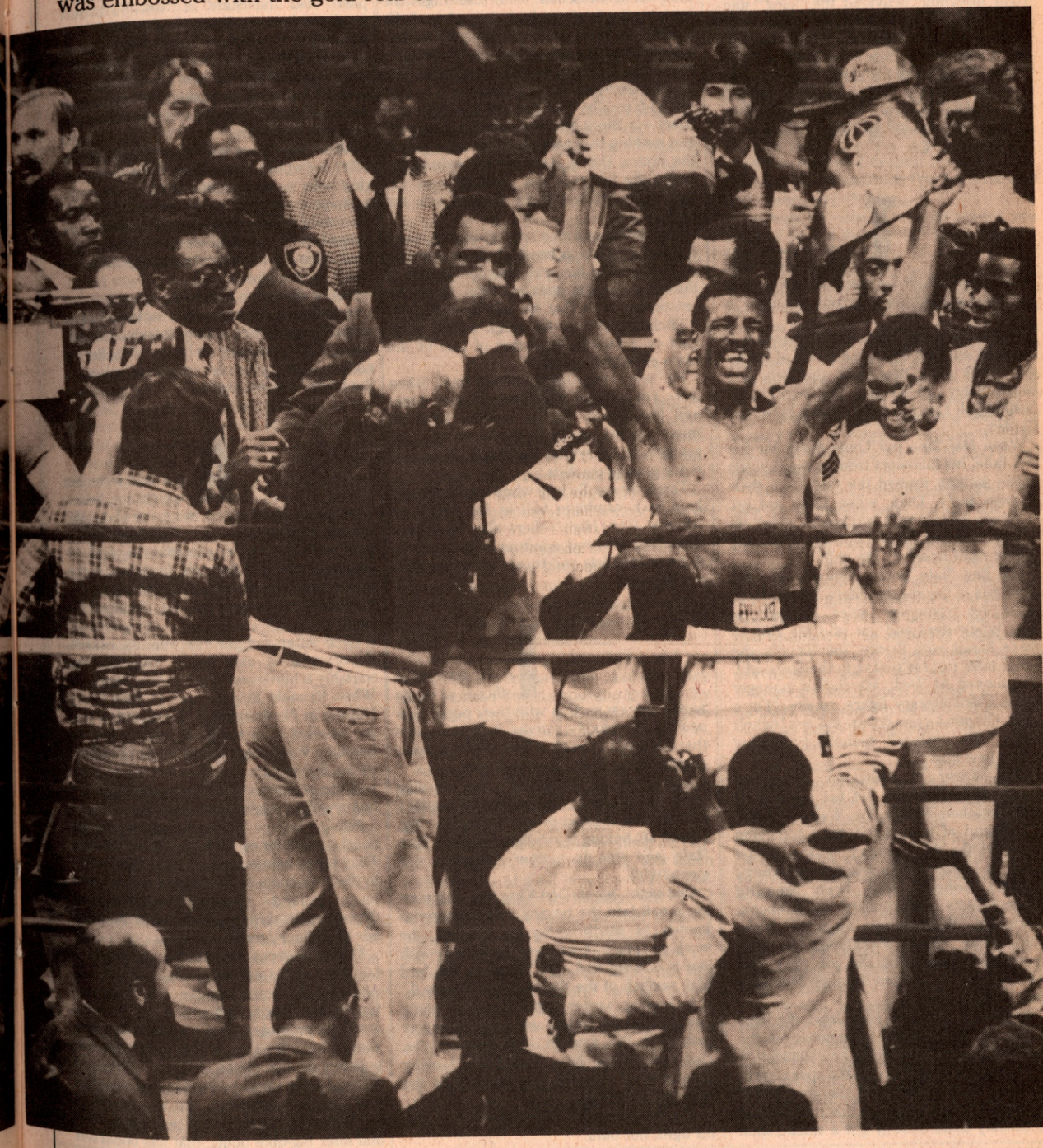
# WHEN BOXING WAS

in flower, Mike Jacobs, the promoter, regarded a fight ticket as Gertrude Stein regarded a rose. He could smell the bouquet. He promoted the second coming of Joe Louis vs. Billy Conn in 1946, and paid ten cents to print each ticket, which was composed of nine layers of different colored paper pressed together. The tickets were steel cut and the back of each pasteboard was embossed with the gold seal of the State of New York.

BY BARNEY NAGLER

# BOXING'S PRESS: THE FOURTH ESTATE





JACOBS' RESPECT FOR A TICKET APPROACHED adoration. After receipt of money orders or checks, ducats were mailed to customers by registered mail in envelopes specially designed by Jacobs' box-office men, Rivington Bisland and Herman Lewin. These envelopes bore metal locks. Only by destroying the envelopes could the tickets be removed. Inasmuch as tickets were sent by registered mail, this was a theft proof system.

Each envelope cost Jacobs 25 cents, the same amount paid for sending each packet through the mails. Since 10,000 orders for tickets were mailed, the promoter shelled out $5,000 to safeguard his precious tickets.

Of course, the promoter recognized that this was good business, especially in view of the $100 top for ringside seats. Everybody knows by now that Jacobs was a speculator who adored tickets because they represented under-the-table profits.

Jacobs even was accused of selling tickets in the working press section. There was more than some truth to the accusation, but Jacobs prided himself on one point: "A guy who buys a ticket from me knows he's gonna get the seat his ticket calls for and he knows he's gonna be able to see the ring."

These days, at most big fights, no such guarantee obtains. A fight writer who goes to cover an important match is at the mercy, for the most part, of two-bit press agents who wouldn't know a punch on the nose from a wart on the chin of the Marquis of Queensberry. When these purported press agents operate, strange whirring sounds are heard as Mike Jacobs whirls and spins and does flip-flops under the sod atop his resting place. His adoration of the working press ticket has been replaced by a veneration of disorder.

This is not an indictment of all publicity men. Some old pros in the business of ballyhoo still regard the working press pen with a religiosity bordering on fanatacism. They are throwbacks.

When Harry Markson ran the working press section in the old Garden, he insisted that only the working journalist belonged there. He was the first press agent in sports to acknowledge the existence of the Negro

# OFTEN GETS FOURTH-CLASS TREATMENT

press in America. He opened the gates and won the plaudits of all right-minded individuals, not the least of whom was Joe Louis.

Even Jacobs regarded this as a step in the right direction, provided the "new" journalists did not occupy chairs Jacobs could turn to his own financial profit. But this much was true: Jacobs, even in the most extreme moments of his avidity, never forgot that the working press belonged really to the working reporter. He tried to inch in, though he knew he was treading on dangerous turf.

The hustlers who allot working press seats these days cannot be suspected of possessing even a smidgen of Jacobs' devotion to order.

Perhaps the end of dignity in the press section was signaled by the behavior of Rocky Marciano's mob the night the Brockton Blockbuster saddened the world by finishing off Louis in eight rounds in the old Garden.

When Marciano put Louis down for the first time, his followers from Massachusetts began inching toward the ring from their ringside seats. Then, when Louis got up, Marciano hit him with two hooks, which set up the erstwhile Brown Bomber for a conclusive right smash to the chin.

The Bay State horde climbed over the shoulders of the sportswriters, kicked them under the typewriter tables, stamped on their typewriters and got into the ring to shake hands with Rocky. Joe Nichols, the *Times* man, lost his syntax in the onslaught. This moved Al Weill, Marciano's manager and a noted literary figure, to say, "I'm a sport. I'll spend a few dollars to keep Nichols happy." He replaced Nichols' typewriter with a new one.

The swarm of Marciano supporters repeated their riotous act the night their hero flattened Jersey Joe Walcott in the 13th round of one of the most terrifying bouts within the memory of man. That night, in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium, Rocky's cohort from such teeming Massachusetts metropolises as Seekonk, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Swansea, Attleboro, Hope Valley, Wakefield, and East Providence completed the job they had started in the old Garden the night Marciano blew Louis away.

By then Jacobs was gone from the fight scene. Jim Norris was the promoter, but the fight was in alien territory. The Philadelphia police were so engrossed in the spectacle in the ring, they surrendered the area to the philistines. It was fortunate that on that field of friendly strife nobody got a snickersnee between the ribs.

By the time Muhammad Ali arrived on the contemporary scene, few remembered the jubilant mob that had almost torn Marciano limb from muscular limb the night he became the heavyweight champion of the world.

However, with the advent of Ali the sanctity of the working press section was effectively destroyed. The surrender was not effected formally. The Fruit of the Nation of Islam—or Black Muslims—simply took over and nothing that came after could wipe out the notion that a state of war existed between the toilers in the working press and Ali's army whenever he climbed into the ring.

The newspaperman who goes to cover a football game or a baseball game is pretty sure of getting the seat assigned to him. If the same reporter goes to a fight, he can be reasonably sure that he will have to fight a pitched battle for his perch with a politician or a fanatic supporter of one of the main-eventers.

For one thing, the politicians have taken over. For another, the World Boxing Assn. and the World Boxing Council have so many toadies seated in the working press sections of the world, there is no room for mere print journalists.

This is especially true when a fight show is held in a gambling hall in Las Vegas or Atlantic City. High rollers abound. Every Tom, Dick or Irving winds up with working-press credentials and roosts where he does not belong.

In one state, high officials sit in the working press section with their perks rampant on the bloody canvas. It must be said that this is not so in New York. Perks assume another form in the Empire State.

Instead of crowding into the working press section, the pols use complimentary tickets to sit in pews proximate to the ring. Of course, boxing is moribund in New York State and this is neither extensive nor meaningful.

One night, when Don King was hammering a nail into the boxing coffin otherwise known as Madison Square Garden, the working press area was crowded with guests of King and Jose Sulaiman, the lord high poobah of the World Boxing Council.

A boxing writer who escaped being crushed in the midst of total strangers rushed to the side of Jack Prenderville, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, to stress the sanctity of the working press.

"Go tell Sulaiman," Prenderville said. "It's his fight, not ours."

Naturally, a man who has been watching fights for almost half a century does not believe everything he sees and even less of what he hears. Was Prenderville copping a plea? Had the State of New York surrendered its sovereignty to the WBC? Apparently so, because the working press area, hemmed in on four sides by steel barriers, was not cleared. New York State, once in the front rank of boxing, had become a fourth-rate power, about as important in the game as Sri Lanka.

When Joe Louis was at the peak of his BENT, he would come down the aisle to the ring with a small faction leading the way, perhaps six or eight in his moderate cohort. He would move regally, his muscular torso draped in a red-and-blue silk robe, his muscles taut, his comportment dignified, his handlers disciplined.

Now a champion comes charging into the ring trailed by his mob. The ring is a swirl of humanity and when, finally, it is cleared, the champion's mob clusters below their hero's corner, blurring the perception of Cyclops in the working press section.

As if this were not enough to distort perception, there is another cause of dismay among ringside reporters. Television has introduced hand-held cameras in one or another corner of the ring. In this way, the space cadets have managed further to cut the reporters' view of the ring. So much for opacity.

Even after a fight has run its course, deportment is cast aside. The ring invariably is burdened by a horde of vagrants. When Renaldo Snipes went 11 with Larry Holmes in Pittsburgh, the press section was so crowded after the bout, one of Snipes' handlers was jostled in the midst of cutting off his figher's gloves. Shove came to push and the scissors cut a deep wound in the heavyweight challenger's arm.

Not the last of the blame resides in the pearl-shaped tones of the TV interviewers. They are so bemused when they clamber into the ring, mike in hand and personal pronoun poised, they sometimes find themselves pushing and shoving in the manner of ordinary mortals.

This outrageous behavior has led even to laic fighting. At one major bout—Pryor vs. Arguello—a representative of a major television network got into a fight with a foremost promoter whose name is not Don King. The television bloke threw several punches at the diminutive promoter and stopped only when he realized he was hitting a co-conspirator.

It is such hooliganism in the ring, before and after big-time bouts, that has endorsed

further the impression that boxing commissioners everywhere no longer do their duty. Fight commissioners are so busy preening in front of the television cameras, they forget they are charged with the task of enforcing a measure of decorum in their sport.

In New York State, the rules and laws regulating boxing are specific in regard to the number of seats apportioned to the boxing commission. Section 215.4 of the rules and regulations once read: The premises must provide suitable raised and separate ringside seats for the judges and timekeeper, which must be approved by the commission representative in attendance before the commencement of any boxing program. The licensed promoting corporations must also provide two seats in each boxer's corner for the occupancy of the commission representative on duty at the program."

That was it: two seats in each corner. That has since been amended to include a doctor in each corner. Yet, whenever a rare boxing show is presented in New York State, members of the commission or their hirelings occupy many seats in the working press section. If it is a title fight and the WBA or WBC is concerned, many more seats are allotted to representatives of these quasi-official organizations.

Press agents still wet behind their elongated ears know not a whit about the rules governing working press sections. They are steeped in arrogance, however, and recall for this department at least Wolfgang Pauli's reference to a young man in his profession. Pauli, a foremost physicist, once said of a youthful colleague: "So young and already he has contributed so little." Watching the young press agents at work convinces one that the future ain't what it used to be.

The "new" breed of press agent seems to be held in thrall by a human prejudice against eyewitness testimony, which is losing ground fast. A boxing reporter does not have access to some occult source. He must write what he sees, and if he cannot see because the press agent's nine-foot-tall brother-in-law is sitting in front of him, he can only write what others tell him has happened. This renders him a boxing expert. It is widely held that an expert is a man who knows more and more about less and less.

Lately, still another barrier has been erected in the toilers' section at fights. This derives from triple jeopardy. Before, a reporter unlucky enough to be seated behind a judge perched on a highchair knew this could not happen to him frequently, because there were only two judges at each fight. The law of probability worked for him. In boxing, the law of probability has been repealed.

Now, with the advent of three judges in many states, the fight reporter runs a great risk of trying to see a fight through a judge's opaque posterior. It is a fact well known in literary circles that all fight judges have broad buttocks in contrast with their heads.

The foregoing is not intended to convey the impression that fight writers write about other fight writers only with circumspection. This is not so. Boxing writers often are as gauche as boxing commissioners.

We know of at least half a dozen boxing reporters who have spent hours trying to convince one press agent or another to sit them opposite the TV cameras at ringside.

In this way, they are visible to the double-domes watching at home, thereby establishing their whereabouts with suspicious wives and peering editors. Such vanity would not be pardonable even in a publisher.

According to legend, Madison Square Garden once spent $30,000 for the construction of an aluminum ring to be used at outdoor bouts. The ring was portable and was intended to give fight writers perched behind press photographers a clear view of the ring.

This was accomplished by a system of wells built into the floor of the chair platforms. The cameramen were expected to stand in the deep wells while shooting their pictures—far below the line of sight of reporters seated behind them.

It was a noble aspiration, but it did not work. The photographers insisted they could not shoot while standing in holes. By the time Marciano knocked out Archie Moore in nine rounds at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 21, 1955, the wells had run dry.

At ringside that night,, Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, the New York boxing board's resident physician, was seated next to Murray Rose, an Associated Press reporter.

In the course of the long evening, Dr. Nardiello, a man of reckless daring, was taken with a matter of great urgency. In a phrase, he needed to empty his bladder. "Lift up the well and do it in there," another reporter suggested, to which Dr. Nardiello responded, "I tried, but I can't do it sitting down."

So Dr. Nardiello crawled under the ring and irrigated the historic turf of Yankee Stadium. In the process, however, he kicked out the plug of the teletype being used by Rose to send a blow-by-blow account of the title bout to the entire civilized world. When Dr. Nardiello returned to his seat, Murray Rose was on the verge of committing murder.

There is a certain symbolism in this, though exactly what does not come to mind easily. It may be that at the moment of voiding, Dr. Nardiello came as close to truth as anybody. About the working press section he must have felt exactly as the two-bit press agents working the fighter racket feel about reporters at ringside.

This recalls the time the New York *Post*—the one that was eight columns wide and purposefully dull—was engaged in an editorial war with the equally dull New York *Sun*. In the course of the editorial debate, the *Post* called the *Sun* "a yellow dog." In response, the *Sun's* deepest thinker wrote, "Our attitude towards the *Post* is that of any dog toward any *Post*."

Anyway, the next time, dear reader, you think of how glamorous it is to be a boxing writer going around the country traveling with great fighters and getting into fights free, think again. It was enjoyable until incompetent upstarts in the publicity business got into the act. We can see through them; the trouble is, we cannot see through a hand-held TV camera or a ring post.

In some instances this may be considered fortunate. Many fights are not worth watching. Those that are, however, should be viewed from a coign of vantage and certainly not through a curtain of Don King's galvanized hair.

The clowns and mountebanks who masquerade as boxing press agents these days would have been knocked out of the box early if Harry Grayson was alive. Grayson was the sports editor of the Newspaper Enterprise Association, a guy who came out of California and became the scourge of the East. He could write, to be sure, but he was overwhelmed by an excess of imagination and a need to spend a great deal of time at one watering hole or another.

No occupational bias is involved in this. At mischief, Grayson was as great as a fighter who can make an opponent lead and then belt him out.

Harry Markson, perhaps the finest of all boxing press agents before he went bad as a promoter in the Garden, was speaking of Grayson recently and said, "He always came around the day of a big fight and said he had lost his working press ticket, so I had to give him a replacement. Invariably, a guy would show up with Grayson's 'Lost' ticket. The same fellow, I mean. He was the men's room attendant at Toots Shor's. We always honored the ticket, because a man never knows when a men's room attendant might come in handy."

Otherwise, a fight ticket was a sacred document in Markson's view. This is only partly true today among the immature and half-formed minds putting together working press sections. They have earned a one-way ticket to oblivion, which is a little slum just to the east of arrogance.

# PINTOR AT THE END OF THE ROAD

**Reports coming out of Mexico tended to downplay the significance of Lupe Pintor's motorcycle accident. But *The Ring* has learned that the WBC bantamweight champion suffered injuries so severe he may never fight again.**

IT WAS THE 14TH ROUND OF WHAT many called 1982's "Fight of the Year." Time and again, Wilfredo Gomez, his eyes by now swollen, his lips bruised, his muscles seemingly afire from the inevitable exhaustion which accompanies a non-stop attack, had come at his opponent with all the force of a hurricane. Still, his opponent, his toughness almost a metaphor for the texture of the dried wooden ribs of the seguario cactus of his native Cuajimalpa, continued to fight stubbornly, rolling the sting out of the avalanche of punches coming from all angles. Time and again, while a delicious smile flickered about his lips, he would turtle his chin down between his shoulders to become an even smaller target than his five-foot-four-inch frame, countering all the while. For 13 rounds he had outsmarted Gomez by outpacing him and countering his every punch. But the inexorable beating he had taken now began to take its toll. And finally it happened, a desperate lunge by Gomez, a hard right, followed by a flurry of punches, and suddenly the pint-sized challenger was on his haunches. He weaved upward on his left knee and braced himself with his left hand, picking up referee Arthur Mercante's count. At the count of four he made his way unsteadily to his feet, only to be driven to the ropes again by the thunderous bazookas and howitzers Gomez was throwing. Then, his body rebelling at the beating, he swayed as a reed in the summer breeze and went to the floor a beaten man, all the while a knowing smile playing on his lips.

That knowing smile has somehow always been on Lupe Pintor's face. It comes with the territory, a territory defined as king of the bantamweights, at least as far as the WBC and Mexico are concerned. Pintor had gotten there with slow and deliberate steps, climbing the stairs to the pinnacle of his profession by beating another of Mexico's national heroes, Carlos Zarate, for the championship.

Even before his fight with Gomez, Lupe Pintor had smiled as if he he knew something. Perhaps he expressed it best when some newsman asked him if he won Gomez' Junior Featherweight title would he continue with his career. Pintor, looking even smaller than his sixty-four inches would allow, smiled his Pintor smile and answered quietly, "Yes I may quit if I beat Gomez. I want to for all of Mexico, but I will think about it later."

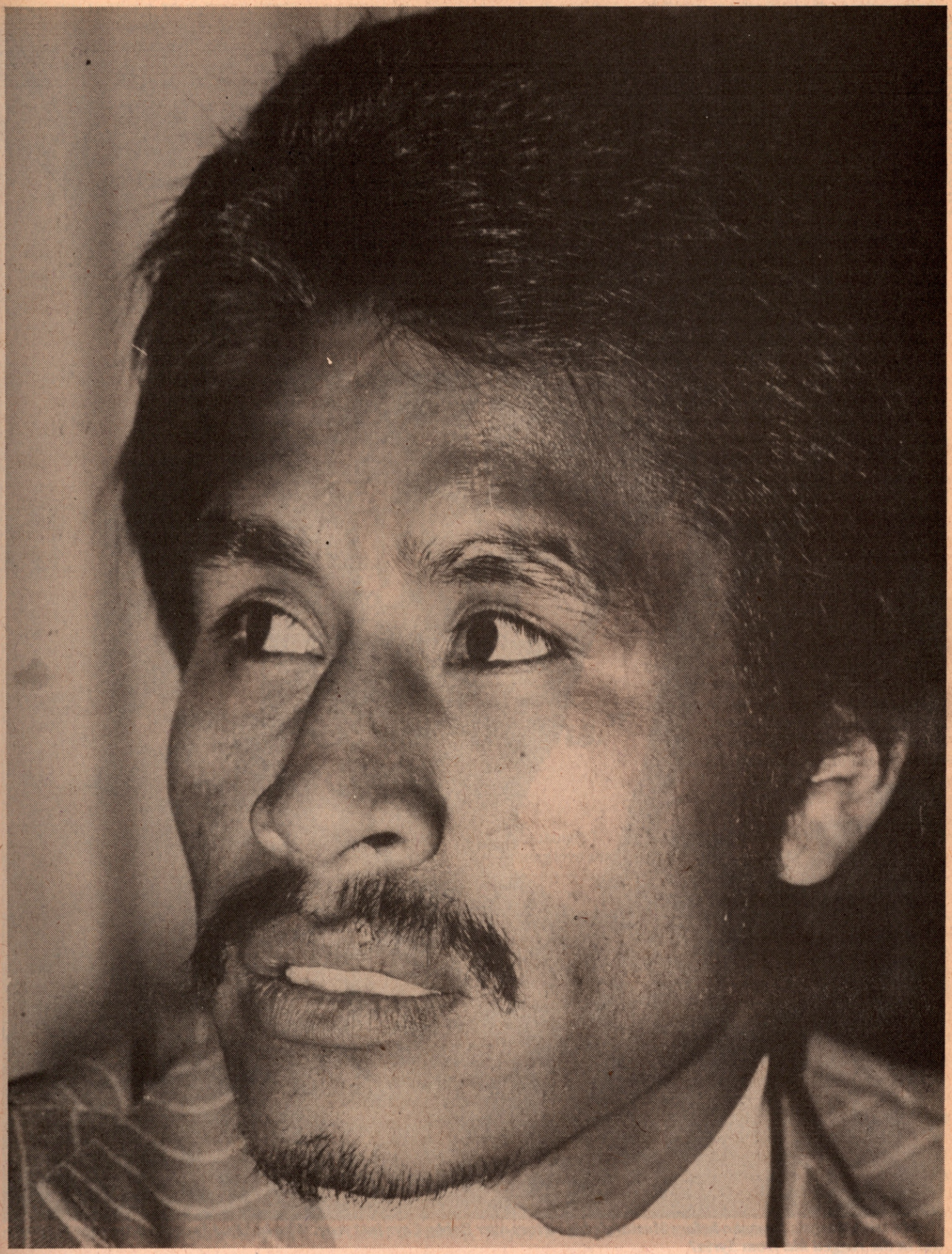
However, one got the impression he was thinking about it even then; thinking about that most unthinkable of thoughts, retirement. And when he lost to Gomez he bore his internal hurt graciously and said in a voice inaudible to most in his dressing room he would consider "retiring," his polite voice betraying the heart of a warrior.

But if Guadalupe Pintor thought about "retiring" after the Gomez fight, hinting he would fight three more fights and then hang up his gloves for prosperity, that was all before his recent accident, a motorcycle accident that resulted in multiple fractures, an operation and a convalescence of at least six months before he can even seriously consider coming back to the ring—a ring he had already hinted he would forego within the year.

Today, as Pintor lies in traction at his home in Cujimalpa, Mexico, he no longer is considering coming back. The man who has hinted before that he will retire by the end of the year has had his mind made up for him—by a motorcycle. The old fire which had once flamed into being at his every demand in his earlier days has now become a flicker, almost extinguished by a motorcycle and a desire to vacate the ring.

And Mexico, once the proud possessor of four champions—Sanchez, Cuevas, Limon and Pintor—will say "Adios" to the last of the quartet, the one who did them proud: Lupe Pintor, gentleman, fighter, champion.

Boxing, too, will remember this man who by dint of a great hammering had become a blacksmith and a great champion. His kind will long be remembered by everyone who recalls seeing him that night against Wilfredo Gomez when he fought with that hypodermic of confidence only a great fighter can muster and fell as only a true champion could—on his shield. Now he will take that shield with him into retirement.



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*Paddy, with Mustafa Hamsho before Mustafa's big victory over Bobby Czyz last year. Who but Paddy could have seen the potential in the rugged kid from Syria?*

BY JOHN STRAVINSKY

# PADDY FLOOD REMEMBERED

***"When Paddy talks boxing, it's like E.F. Hutton; everybody listens."***
**–Red Smith**

TO THIS LISTENER, TO PADDY FLOOD'S family and friends, to the entire boxing world, the sudden news of his untimely death hit hard. Awfully hard. Coldcocked by a massive cerebral hemorrhage, the beloved manager lapsed into a coma after falling into his wife Jean's arms while watching the Holmes-Rodriguez fight on TV, March 28. The following day, it was all over; at the age of forty-eight, Paddy Flood, character extraordinaire, was counted out.

The quote at the top from the late great scribe rings with particular truth when you consider the pastime Paddy Flood probably enjoyed most in life, namely, talking boxing. His legacy lives in the countless entertaining and often outrageous stories he told, along with the equally outrageous anecdotes of his own life as told by others, tales that will be recounted time and time again, as long as there is a fight game, as long as there are gyms, fighters and trainers, to pass along Paddy's twice-told tales.

He was a masterful talker in his own inimitable manner: colorful, concise and to the point. He loved to laugh and could pull humor from the bleakest of situations. He was generous to a fault, not just with his bankroll, which is legion, but with his time and with his heart. Paddy Flood was every boxing writer's dream interview—blessed with the magnetic personality, the gift of gab, and the courage to openly voice his convictions. He made better listeners of us all.

One of fourteen children from an Irish father and a Hungarian mother, Paddy's upper East Side upbringing was as rugged as they come, his 13-1 record as a prizefighter attesting to the many street battles he had as a charter member of The Fighting Floods. Richie O'Neill, his close life-long friend who shared a common background (ten brothers and sisters) remembers the struggle of their youth. "It was tough getting along—the sibling rivalries, the hand-me-downs, trying to get something to eat. We hustled newspapers, shined shoes, anything. If things were slow, Paddy'd make a guy laugh, and the guy'd buy a flower. We were poor people, but we always managed to laugh," he recalls with a smile. "Just the other day, we were driving somewhere, and Paddy was complaining about a cold and not being able to breathe. I said to him, 'Are you kiddin'? You ever look at your nose? How could anybody breathe through that thing?' "

Paddy Flood enjoyed a life-long love affair with New York City. His generosity is legendary; it took on mythical proportions. The bag ladies, the winos, the geeks, the broken-down fighters—they were all his children. He left more money on the street than many fight managers earn in a lifetime. Richie O'Neill, admittedly a tight-fisted guy himself, used to shake his head at Paddy's big heart. A few days after the funeral, Richie went so far as to give a handout to a bum who was smearing as much as cleaning car windows. "I felt like I was lighting a candle for Paddy," he explains. "At the same time, I could almost feel Paddy reaching down and cuffin' me on the back of the head saying, 'Ah, you sucker, you!' "

It is with unusual clarity (and good fortune) that I remember so much of what Paddy Flood said to me in the couple years of our short friendship. Maybe it was his delivery; maybe it was the controversy he bred. He loved to surpise; he loved to take the other side of any argument. He was sometimes compassionate, sometimes brutal, but he was always fascinating. Always.

I remember writing a piece for the *Village Voice* on the NFL strike and going to Paddy for a quote to close the story. He hated football and felt that all salaried athletes were ingrates; yet, I knew he would have something to say. I was right. "Look at it this way," he told me. "Every year, two or three guys drop dead in North Dakota or somewhere 'cause they just lost the farm and the car bettin' the game. Hey, this thing keeps up, we oughta' be happy, we're savin' lives."

I remember recently asking Paddy if he would agree to do a short TV interview on sex and its effects on athletic performance. I told him it would be done nicely, that the producer was a stand-up guy. "Don't tell me that," he said. "I don't like stand-up guys...they all wind up gettin' buried. Does *he* have sex? Tell him it's all right 'till you're twenty-nine, then go for Italian food instead."

Not too long ago, Paddy Flood's hottest prospect, undefeated middleweight Kevin Moley, was headlining a card at Embassy Hall in North Bergen, N.J. To the surprise of both fighter and followers, the ring announcer introduced "undefeated, Kevin 'E.T.' Moley." E.T.? A few friends turned quizzically toward Paddy who smiled knowingly, winked and gave the thumbs-up sign, quite obviously pleased with his latest ruse.

Moley passed the test that night against a semi-tough veteran, Gil Rosario. But better yet, the E.T. gimmick was to pay off in the form of an upcoming Madison Square Garden—Felt Forum fight. The local press' curiosity had been piqued by the undefeated fighter with the nickname, and Paddy made no small mileage of it. At a press conference before the fight against a more formidable opponent, Pecho Castro, Paddy opined aloud something about eighth and tenth round knockouts or eight and ten ounce gloves—get it? Eight-ten, E.T. No one paid particular attention to the explanations; E.T. seemed a fine moniker, worthy of its irascible creator.

The fight was an easy third-round KO for Moley. But easier still was the way Paddy Flood handled the ringside press in the locker room afterward. It was like Ray Robinson picking off punches.

Reporter: Have you heard from Speilberg yet?

Paddy: Who?

Reporter: You know, the guy who made the movie.

Paddy: What movie?

Reporter: (exasperated) "E.T."

Paddy: Oh. I never saw it—but we're fightin' Spei-gel-berg next.

Actually, Moley fought an unaccommodating Mike Baker at the Garden in his next fight. He got knocked around a bit, but KO'd the tiring veteran in the seventh. More noteworthy was that Paddy Flood had managed to jack-up Moley's purse from $1500 (last fight) to $7000, no mean feat for a Forum appearance. It was the last corner that Paddy Flood would ever work.

The following week found Paddy in especially good spirits around the Gramercy Gym, where he would, according to habit, host an odd variety of habitues in his neutral corner with folding chairs. As usual, he spoke candidly, motioning this listener to sit down, that one to come over, and occasionally getting up to answer the phone or to hammer bob-and-weave instructions into Moley, who was back in the gym after what his manager felt was a less-than-stellar performance. Still, Paddy thought that his fighter had been jobbed by the scoring, which had Kevin behind at the time of the KO. Paddy always protected his fighters.

"How could they have other guy ahead?" he asked incredulously. "After the fight, I went and told that one judge that this is no fuckin' good. We're talkin' about a 13-0 fighter, not a 7-7 guy. You could ruin a kid's career with a job like that. Good thing the kid showed heart and knocked the guy out."

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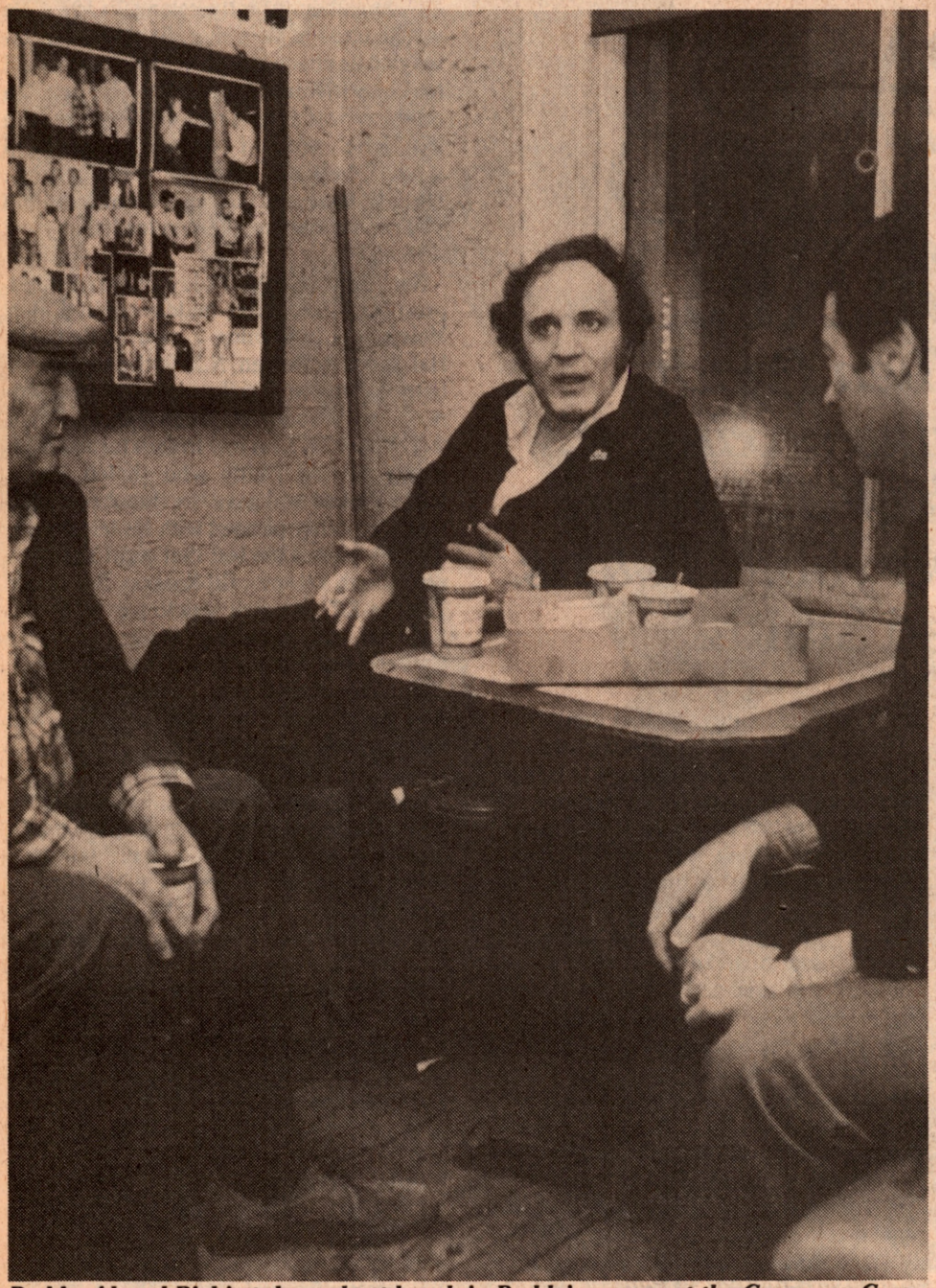

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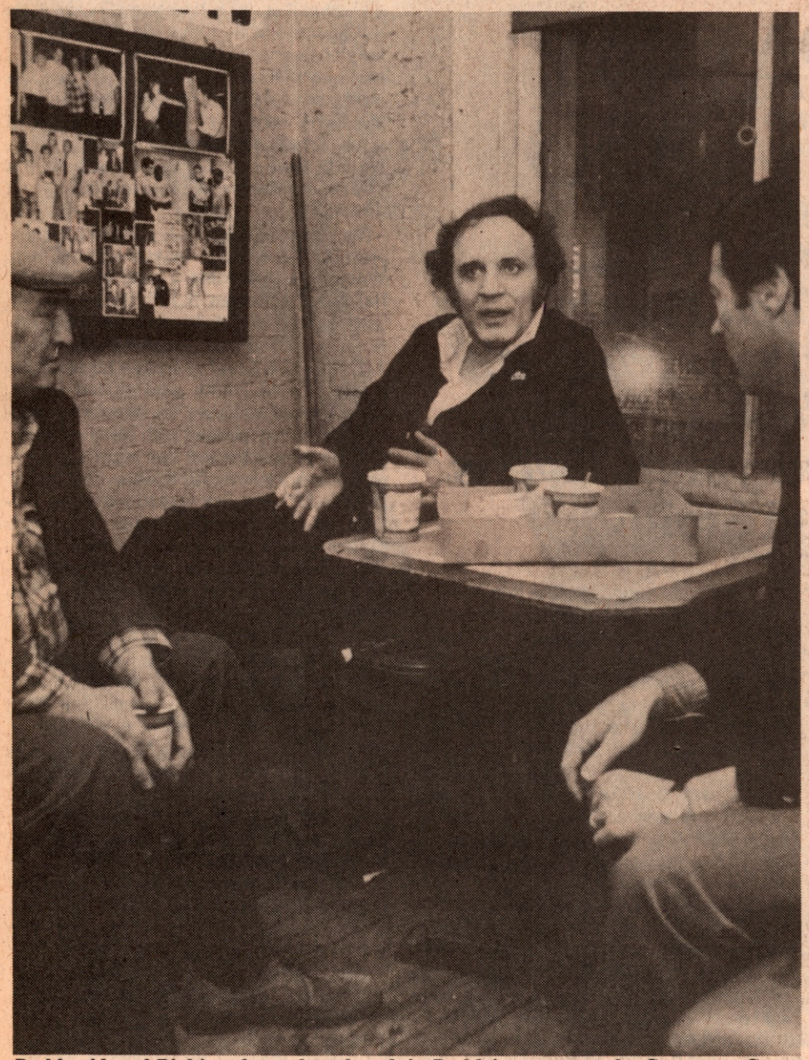

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I remember him tailing off a talk with a fighter by saying, "If he asks you about it, just tell him 'No problem.' " Then turning to me he said with a wink, "That's when you know there is a problem, when a guy tells you 'no problem.' "

I remember asking Paddy about the thumbless gloves. Bemoaning a lost art, he shrugged, "You can't teach a kid to thumb good nowadays anyway."

I remember asking him his opinion on a Jack Newfield piece in the *Voice* that seemed to expose the sorry politics behind the Deuk-Koo Kim death. Paddy's reply: "Where was Newfield two months ago when the mismatch was bein' made?"

***Paddy liked to accompany Mustafa on winter runs through the park.***

Al Braverman and Paddy Flood worked corners together, off-and-on over the past thirteen years. The two characters were some odd couple. Though never partners, they were dear friends and would hook up occasionally for the big bouts. They shared many a laugh in their raffish travels. No matter how serious or dramatic an event might seem at the time, it was always recalled with laughter, as Al Braverman fondly recollects:

"I remember once we had Frankie DePaula—I forget who he was fightin'—and I got so mad at the fighter during the third round, I says 'Paddy, we're not goin' up in the corner.' He says, 'O.K.' Then I says, 'Ah, I feel sorry for the son-of-a-bitch.' I start to move, and I feel a hand pullin' me back down. Frankie says, 'What you guys doin'?' Paddy says 'You bastard, you. We're not even walkin' up them steps. You're embarassin' Al and I. And if you don't knock him out this round, we're walkin' outta the joint, you can be up there by yourself.' As God made little apples, he belted the guy out in the very next round."

The finish to the Hamsho-Scypion fight was one which ended in controversy. Whether he was thrown or knocked out of the ring, the fact is that Hamsho's opponent, Wilford Scypion, somehow wound up in Paddy Flood's lap. The fight was nationally televised, and at the time everyone accused Paddy of holding Scypion down. As Braverman recalls, Paddy was actually trying to pull Scypion back up.

"I was on top of Paddy pushin' him down. He tried to lift that guy, no thanks to me. It was the most peculiar thing. . . he's tryin' to lift the guy, get him back in the ring, and I'm pressin' down on *him*. That was Paddy. He wanted to help the guy! I'm thinkin', this silly son-of-a-bitch, I'm not gonna' let him. I couldn't understand, but now I realize, knowin' Paddy—if he could help a guy, he'd help a guy."

Far removed from the often-crazed, whacko fight world, there was a stabilizing home front for Paddy Flood—a wonderful wife and daughter, Jean and Sharon. They absorbed some of Paddy's toughness over the years, in the same way that some of their softness and compassion rubbed off on Paddy. Jean says that Paddy loved to teach, to share what he knew. But at the same time, like all great teachers, he never stopped learning.

At a time when boxing so sorely needs leadership, when the fight game is being attacked from all sides, more is the sorrow to lose one of its finest warriors, more is the pity to lose on who cared so much.

Paddy Flood. Fighter-manager-trainer: Wherever he is, rest assured there's a ringside seat. And that Paddy's in it, telling stories.

# NEW FACES

## *JAMES (BONECRUSHER) SMITH*

IF THE GREAT SPORTSWRITER JIMMY Cannon were with us today, he may have begun a story about the best heavyweight to come out of North Carolina since Floyd Patterson this way:

"You're James Smith, a college graduate, a former U.S. Army sargeant, a family man and an ex-guard in a maximum security prison. You're 28. You're 6'4". You're 230 pounds of desire, courage, pride and muscle. Until last night, you fought professionally just to earn a few extra dollars. But last night you learned something. You learned you are indeed a talented fighter, one who can become heavyweight champion of the world"....

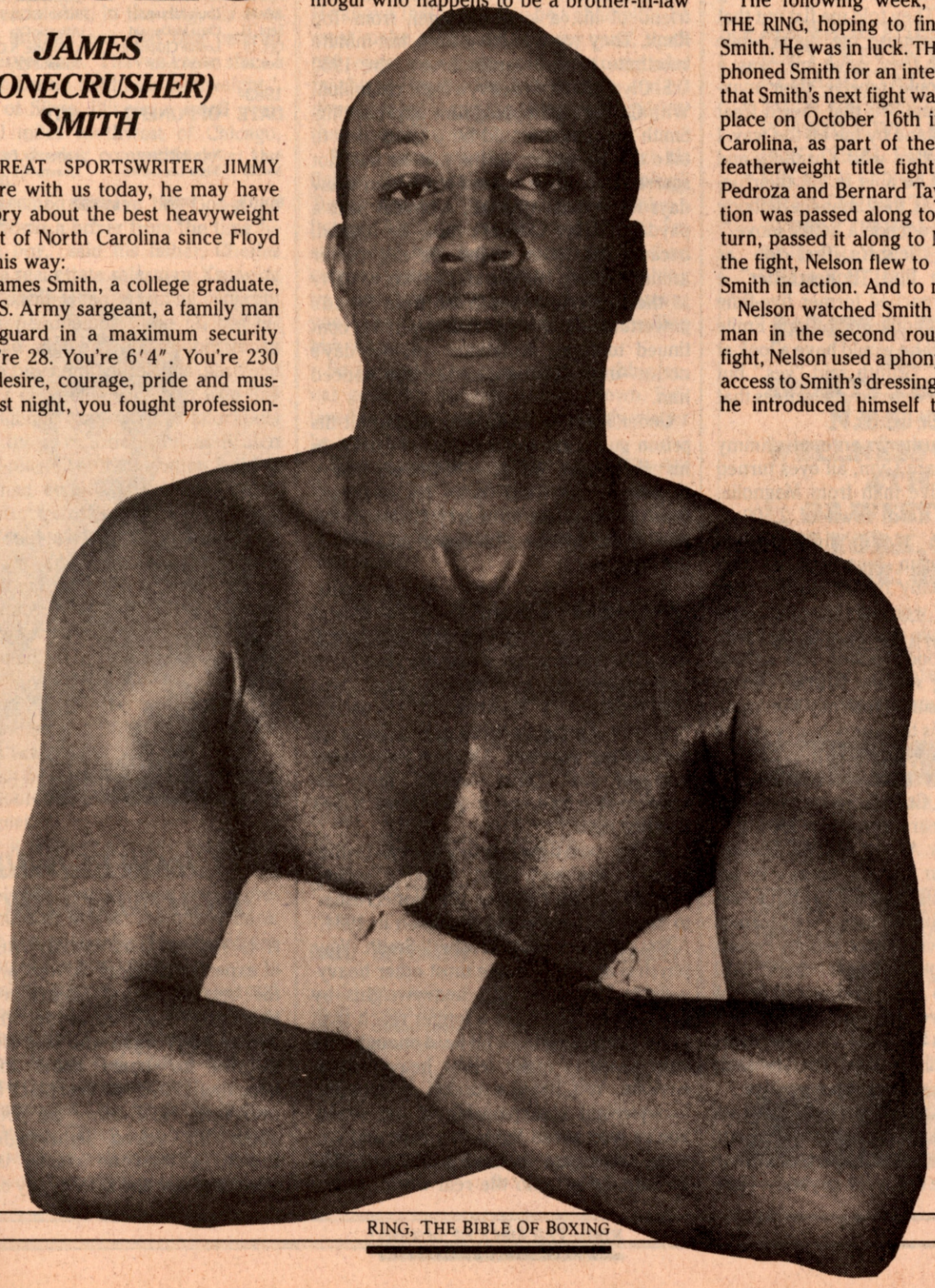
It was on September 11, 1982, that James Smith's life changed. On that night, with less than three weeks of preparation, Smith battled previously undefeated Chris McDonald on ESPN's "Saturday Night at the Fights." In a free-swinging, spirited affair, Smith was awarded an eight-round split-decision. It wasn't that Smith won which mattered. It was who was watching.

Two avid boxing fans, New York businessmen Alan Kornberg, a real-estate mogul who happens to be a brother-in-law of Gerry Cooney's co-manager Dennis Rappaport, and Steve Nelson, a mortgage banker, were among ESPN's viewers that night.

"Alan and I are boxing fanatics," said Nelson. "We go to every fight we can and watch every one on television. We were sitting back watching the Smith-McDonald fight and really enjoying it. However, the announcers (Sal Marchiano and Al Bernstein) didn't give the viewers enough information on just who Smith was. When the fight was over, even before it was over, Alan looked at me and said, "Who is this Smith and where the hell has he been hiding? He's sensational!"

The following week, Kornberg phoned THE RING, hoping to find out more about Smith. He was in luck. THE RING had already phoned Smith for an interview, and learned that Smith's next fight was scheduled to take place on October 16th in Charlotte, North Carolina, as part of the undercard to the featherweight title fight between Eusebio Pedroza and Bernard Taylor. That information was passed along to Kornberg, who in turn, passed it along to Nelson. The day of the fight, Nelson flew to Charlotte to watch Smith in action. And to meet him.

Nelson watched Smith stop Lonnie Chapman in the second round. Following the fight, Nelson used a phony press pass to gain access to Smith's dressing room. It was there he introduced himself to the man called



"Bonecrusher" Smith. When Nelson found out "Bonecrusher" was not under contract to any manager, he quickly offered to sign him. Negotiations began.

The Nelson-Kornberg duo were not the only team attempting to sign "Bonecrusher." Also in the running was Bob Arum's Top Rank. After a few trips to New York City, Smith made his decision. He chose Nelson-Kornberg.

"I was impressed with their business-like approach and sincerity," said Smith of his new managers. "I could see they were two guys I wanted to be associated with. While other guys might have bad-mouthed Top Rank and tried to put them down, Kornberg and Nelson didn't. They told me flat out that Top Rank could promise me fights while they couldn't. All they gave me was a promise that I would receive their maximum effort and support, that they'd treat me as family and stand by me all the way. I appreciated that. Also, with Kornberg and Nelson, I knew I'd be able to get their undivided attention, as they manage nobody else. I couldn't have made a better move."

Kornberg and Nelson's first job as managers was to find "Bonecrusher" a trainer. They approached former five-time welterweight and middleweight king Emile Griffith and asked if he would have a look at the "Bonecrusher." Griffith said "yes," but made it clear there were no guarantees that he would train their fighter.

When "Bonecrusher" entered Jimmy Glenn's Times Square Gym, all eyes turned towards the massive man from Magnolia, North Carolina, a farm town of 2,500, a town without a traffic light. When "Bonecrusher" began loosening up and shadow-boxing, many fighters in the gym stopped their own workouts to watch. And when he sparred two rounds with big Larry Alexander, everybody oohed and aahed. After the sparring session, Griffith said to Kornberg and Nelson, "You may not know it, but this big guy is the future heavyweight champion of the world. Who trains him?"

"You do!" said Kornberg.

In addition to Griffith (who won the Fighter of the Year Award in 1964 and Trainer of the Year Award in 1982, becoming the only man to win both), "Bonecrusher" has as his trainers Griffith's first cousin, Bernard Forbes, along with former light heavyweight contender Johnny Persol.

"All three are outstanding teachers," said Smith. "I intend to make Forbes and Persol famous. They're two of the most unsung and talented trainers in the game. I'll make them famous by going all the way." Then he said, "As for Griffith, he's already famous!"

" 'Bonecrusher' has everything," explained Griffith. "He's got speed, tremendous strength, power and a lot of heart. Next year at this time he'll be ready for anybody. I just wish he had started with me five years ago."

Five years ago, Smith had just finished a two-year hitch in the Army. It was there he started boxing, at the persuasion of one of his commanding officers.

As an amateur, he lost only four of 35 fights, knocking out 25 men. A hand injury forced Smith out of action in late 1978. The injury, coupled with long hours in his new job as a security guard in a Raleigh, North Carolina prison, ended any thoughts Smith had about earning money as a professional. However, Smith continued to train two or three nights a week, just to keep his weight down.

In November, 1981, a call went out to a friend of his, a local manager, from Top Rank. They were looking for a last-minute substitute to face James Broad, the 1980 U.S. Olympic Trials heavyweight champion. With Christmas shopping time approaching, Smith thought it would be a good idea to take the fight, despite the fact he had not sparred a round or trained more than a few days for Broad. After all, a payday was a payday. A loss wouldn't hurt, he figured, because his future plans did not center around boxing. Huffing and puffing as early as the first round, Smith fell from Broad's powerful body blows in round four. He continued to fight, sometimes on one day's notice—until Kornberg and Nelson noticed him.

Under his new managers, Smith quit his prison guard job and was put on salary. In his first fight for the Kornberg-Nelson tandem, Smith lived up to his nickname when he knocked out Larry Givins in the third round, breaking his opponent's nose in the process.

In one of his more recent bouts, "Bonecrusher" hammered out a second round knockout over Florida's Nate Robinson. The victory, an awesome display of power-punching by "Bonecrusher," was seen on NBC-TV's "Sportsworld." On the air, NBC's Dr. Ferdie Pacheco called Smith "a devastating puncher." Off the air, veteran manager Lou Duva labeled him "an unbelievable find and a title threat if he's handled right."

At the post-fight victory party, Griffith hugged Kornberg and Nelson, saying, "Thank you for bringing the 'Bonecrusher' to me. He'll be a world champion in 1984."

You're James "Bonecrusher" Smith. Your physical attributes make most other heavyweights look like light heavyweights by comparison. You have a longer reach than Larry Holmes and you hit hard enough with both hands to make fellow heavyweights envious. You have a dream to win the heavyweight championship of the world. You've won seven fights in a row, and you now know you've emerged from "The Twilight Zone," into the real world, where you control your own destiny: To become heavyweight champion of the world.

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Height: 6'4" Weight: 230 pounds Born: APRIL 3, 1954
Amateur Record: 31-4, 25 knockouts

**1981**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 5 | James Broad | Atlantic City | KO by 4 |

**1982**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 30 | Richard Parker | Knoxville, Tenn. | W 6 |
| Apr. 22 | Mike Cohen | Charleston, N.C. | KO 2 |
| July 31 | Louis Alexander | Atlantic City | KO 2 |
| Sept. 11 | Chris McDonald | Atlantic City | W 8 |
| Oct. 16 | Lonnie Chapman | Charlotte, N.C. | KO 2 |
| Dec. 14 | Larry Givins | Atlantic City | KO 3 |

**1983**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
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| Apr. 1 | Nate Robinson | Lancaster, Pa. | KO 2 |
| Apr. 23 | Sugar Lee Cohen | Queens N.Y. | KO 2 |

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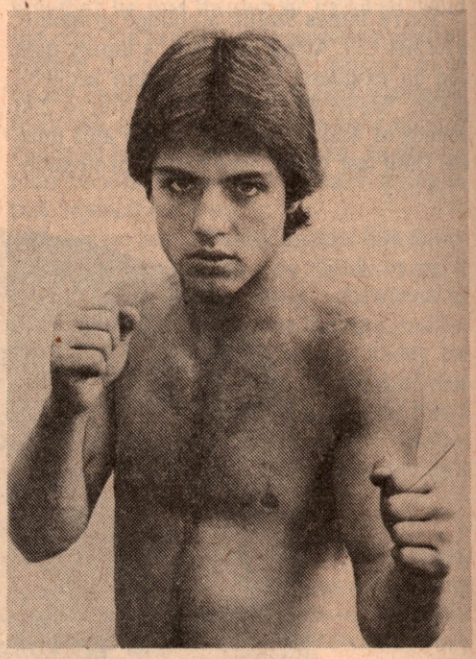

## *CHARLES (WHITE LIGHTNING) BROWN*

IT IS THE FEELING AMONG THE MAJORITY of experts that black fighters are generally the best all-around talents in the sport. Historically and currently. Trainer Don Turner won't argue with that. He could talk to you for hours about the hardest-punching, fastest, slickest black fighters he's ever seen. He'd rather tell you, however, about his young lightweight, Charles Brown, a man he claims is as hard-punching, fast and slick as any one of them.

The thing is, Charles Brown is white!

Turner who is black, is highly-respected, though not highly-liked, in boxing circles. That's because he has never learned to hold his tongue. When he has something to say, he'll say it. Turner leaves talking behind a person's back to others. He'd rather look someone in the eyes and shoot from the heart. That's why, when Turner looks you in the eyes and tells you about Charles Brown, "this kid is gonna' be lightweight champ in two more years," he's not just whistlin' "Rocky".

Brown, a baby-faced 18-year-old from North Haledon, New Jersey, has the kind of face you'd expect to see on television in a milk commercial. Yet, in the ring, his eyes take on an animal look that one veteran boxing observer said, "I haven't seen since I saw Roberto Duran fight as a lightweight."

A native of Silvis, Illinois, a small community 200 miles southwest of Chicago, Brown began boxing competitively at the age of seven.

"He just seemed to have this God-given talent to become a boxer from the time he was a little boy," said his father, Charles Brown, Sr., a real estate salesman. Knowing he had a valuable piece of boxing property on his hads, papa Brown gave his son his blessings and allowed his youngster to develop and nurture his boxing skills.

In amateur competition, Brown won 334 out of 351 fights. There were 90 knockouts included in those victories, and as Brown likes to say playfully, "that's when I didn't know anything about leverage and didn't have any power." During his amateur career, Brown won the Silver Gloves Nationals six consecutive years and the Ohio State Fair Invitational Tournament three times. In 1981, Brown was 2-2 in international competition against Russia, East Germany, England and Ireland.

When asked about his decision loss to the Soviet fighter, Brown merely shrugged and said, "Did you ever try to win a three-round decision against a Russian in Moscow?"

It was that politically-oriented decision loss which soured Brown on continuing his amateur career.

"I figured it was time to get paid," said Brown. "I would have really enjoyed trying out for the 1984 Olympic team and representing the United States, but if you think the pros are run politically, you should see what goes on in the amateurs!"

Brown and his parents met with several groups interested in handling Brown's professional career, but it was manager Lenny Shaw of New Jersey and Don Turner the Brown's were most impressed with.

"I liked Lenny and Don from the beginning," said Brown. "They had tremendous boxing knowledge as well as contacts in the game. They were business people as well as boxing people. But they were all for me. I knew it then. I could feel it. Now, after nine months as a professional, there's no doubt in my mind I made the right choice."

From the start, Turner knew he had a natural talent on his hands. However, there were inadequacies in his training regimen Turner wanted to straighten out. Now, the Shaw-Turner combo has Brown eating correctly, training correctly and living correctly.

"He lives like a fighter should live," said Turner. "He's a young, good-looking kid women simply adore. And he adores them. But he's mature beyond his years. Before anything else, he wants to be a champion. He knows that in order to be a champion, he must make sacrifices. For any man, that's not easy, especially one as young and macho as Charlie. But he's doing it, and his development is coming along much quicker than I could've ever hoped for."

When asked whether or not he likes his fighter being called "White Lightning," Turner replied, "Nicknames don't make a fighter. Ability does. This kid has it. I'm amazed at how fast he learns things then carries them out in a fight. There's nothing he doesn't or can't do. Call him whatever you'd like to. In a few years, you'll be calling him 'Champ!' "

So far, only one man, Greg Washington, has gone the distance against Brown. Battered so badly, Washington probably wishes he wasn't so tough.

There are several fighters named Charles Brown in *The Ring Record Book*. But there's only one "White Lightning." Keep looking for him. He's spectacular and loaded with high voltage!

**CHARLES (WHITE LIGHTNING) BROWN**

Height: 5'8½" Weight: 135 pounds Born: August 28, 1964
Amateur Record: 334-17, 90 knockouts

**1982**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
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| Sept. 21 | Chester Jackson | Memphis, Tenn. | KO 1 |
| Sept. 30 | Reggie Scott | Totowa, N.J. | KO 1 |
| Oct. 15 | Papo Figueroa | Springfield, Mass. | KO 1 |
| Oct. 21 | Johnny Beverly | Totowa, N.J. | KO 2 |
| Oct. 26 | Ray Dennis | N. Miami Beach | KO 5 |
| Nov. 3 | Christopher Bailey | Easton, Pa. | KO 1 |
| Nov. 7 | John Williams | McAfee, N.J. | KO 1 |
| Nov. 16 | Gene Taylor | Memphis, Tenn. | KO 1 |
| Dec. 9 | Greg Washington | Atlantic City, N.J. | W 6 |

**1983**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
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| Jan. 8 | Floyd Smith | Davenport, Ia. | KO 1 |
| Jan. 26 | Cookie James | Totowa, N.J. | KO 7 |
| Feb. 22 | Dormiel Viruet | Memphis, Tenn. | KO 1 |
| Mar. 4 | Kato Wilson | New York City, N.Y. | KO 3 |
| Mar. 27 | Sammy Young | Scranton, Pa. | KO 8 |
| Apr. 17 | Mike Brown | Cherry Hill, N.J. | KO 5 |

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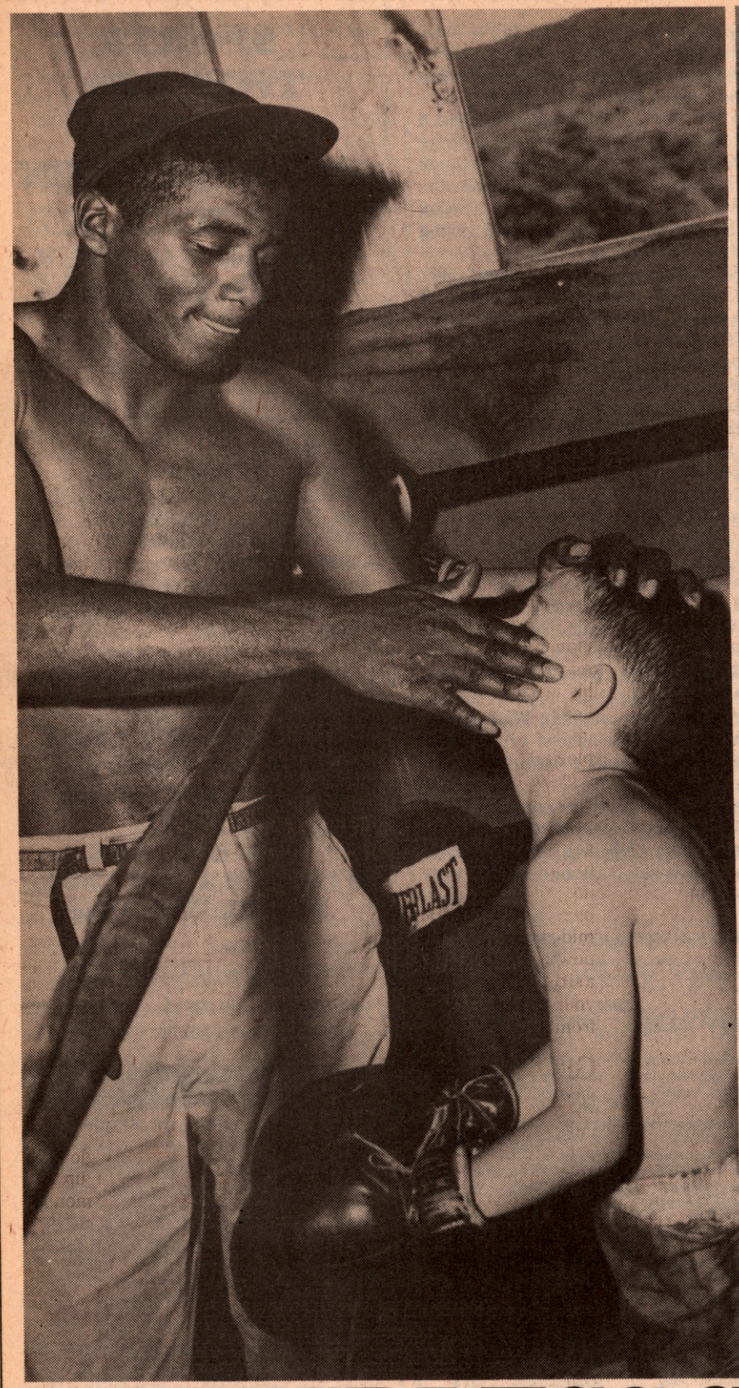

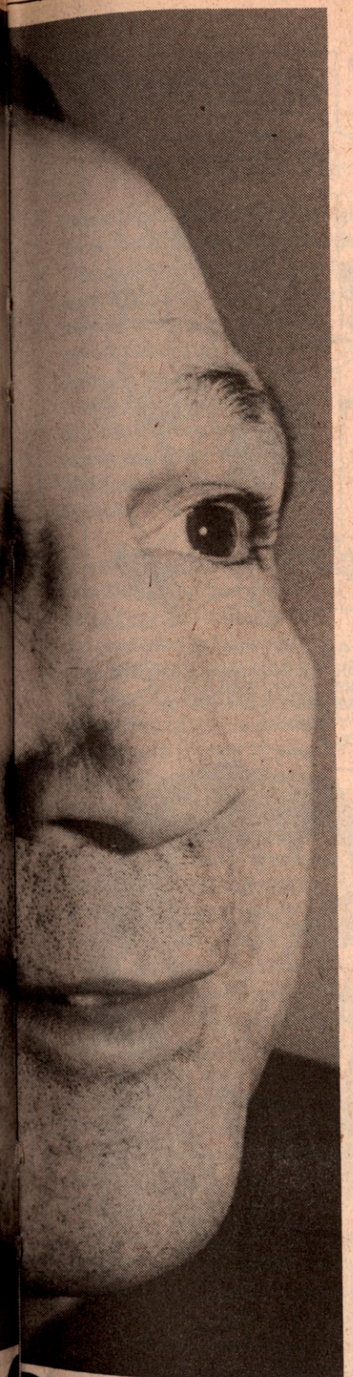

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# THUMBLESS GLOVES: PRO & CON

## THUMBLESS GLOVES WON'T HELP FIGHTER BY WILLIE PEP

NOW, FIRST OF ALL, I'VE GOT to say that I'm for any kind of safety regulation that helps the fighter. Up here in Connecticut we are thinking about adopting the standing eight-count.

But, as to the thumbless gloves—and remember, I'm talking for myself, not talking for the Commission—I don't think they are going to help the fighter that much. Now, nine out of ten fighters, if it's a "must" and that's the way they're going to make their living, they will use them, they'll fight, 'cause they want to make the money. But they're not comfortable with the thumbless glove.

But, all the more important, the thumbless glove is strictly a puncher's glove. It's not for a defensive fighter. Back when I was fighting, we had a lot of pretty good boxers, boxers who could pick punches off, dodge and bob and weave... like Lulu Constantino, Ray Robinson, Billy Conn. And even myself. Maybe 50% of the boxers back then would look to block a punch...A fellow throws a jab at you and you push it away with an open glove. And, in close or in a clinch, I'd use the space between my fingers and my thumb, guess you could call it a web. And when the other fellow would be banging away at me I would put my hand on his elbow, using that space, or "web", and just twist him aside and jump around the other side and make him miss. You could move him around and back him off with that in-between space.

I think the thumbless glove actually takes that away from a good boxer. He can't do all those things that he could do if he had a regular glove. Today, most of the fighters have forgotten all about defense. Their best defense is their offense. They're sluggers, take one to give one, and forget all about defense. Of course, they're some good defensive fighters around today, like Hagler and Arguello. Camacho's good defensively, he's very quick. But I don't think Sugar Ray Leonard was much of a defensive fighter. He was champ of the world, but he got hit with a lot of punches.

And, with the thumbless glove, today's fighter takes that many more punches just from his inability to defend himself. Look, you can't open the glove up. He's not going to be able to block 50% of the punches with a glove he can't open up. It's a closed issue. It comes closed, you put your hand in it and you go "boom." If the fighter wants to block a few punches, it's going to be very tough. Where once you picked them off in mid-air with your open glove, now you have to push them aside, and maybe leave yourself open to another punch from a fellow with quick hands.

If you're a two-fisted guy and you don't care about getting hit, you also don't care about whether the glove is thumbless or not. You just go out there and punch. But a boxer, he's got to go out there and move around, blocking punches as they come. I could pick punches off in mid-air and block 'em, then retaliate—all with an open glove. Also, I liked to be as neat as I could when I boxed. Every once in a while, in the heat of battle, my trunks would slip. Just a little bit. So, like shooting my cuffs, I'd pull up my trunks to look neat. You can't even do that with thumbless gloves.

'Course I had several tough fights. My fights with Sandy (Saddler) were no debutant balls. But we didn't go around thumbing. If it happened, even to me, I figured it was an accident. Hell, Sandy suffered a detached retina, but not from boxing, from an automobile accident!

Who knows? I boxed for 29 years. Maybe with the thumbless glove I would have been hit with punches I should have been blocking, and would've had to quit after 10.

They should have a survey. Let the fighters decide whether they want the thumbless glove or not. Why give them something they don't want and don't feel comfortable with? But, then again, that's just Willie Pep talking...

## FOR THE THUMBLESS GLOVE BY FLOYD PATTERSON

EARNIE SHAVERS, SUGAR RAY Seales, Harold Weston. All three of these "name" fighters suffered detached retinas. And all three fought in New York State. If we could have prevented lasting eye damage to any of the three, or to hundreds of others whose names aren't as well known—but who fought in four- and six-rounders—then the ends of boxing and boxing safety would both be served.

While it's my duty as deputy commissioner of New York to protect those who fight within my state, I have also suffered the personal tragedy of having my two brothers, Raymond and Billy, wind up with detached retinas. Do you know what happens to someone whose retina is detached? It's punctured and some of the fluid leaks out. It might ultimately seal itself, but the injured person retains only 30%-40% of his vision. Sometimes it doesn't happen immediately; it might not happen until the ex-boxer is over 50. Or you may never know. But I wanted to do something to prevent it—both as a commissioner of boxing and a private citizen.

Now, I wouldn't just advocate something without first trying it out myself. That's why I tested the thumbless glove in my training camp in upstate New York for over six months. And, yes, I found that the first models needed some sort of modification. Particularly in the area of circulation. So we made the thumb part larger.

I don't understand why people are against it. Over the past year we have had more than a thousand fights in New York and have not had once incidence of a detached retina since the introduction of the thumbless glove.

THE THUMBLESS GLOVE HURTS A DEFENSIVE BOXER!
...FORMER FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION WILLIE PEP!
...THE THUMB HELPS WHEN BLOCKING PUNCHES...
...BEATS USING MY HEAD!
...AND TO MANEUVER AND CLINCH, ETC...
SOMETIMES ONE CAN WALTZ TO A VICTORY!
?
...SO FAR, THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY INJURIES TO THE FIGHTERS USING THUMBLESS GLOVES IN NEW YORK STATE!
EX-HEAVYWEIGHT KING FLOYD PATTERSON
YET, THE THUMB HAS PROVEN TO BE A DEADLY OFFENSIVE WEAPON.
A LONG, TRAGIC LIST!
RING HISTORY
EYE DAMAGE
PERHAPS THE OLD WILL-O'-THE-WISP CAME UP WITH THE REAL REASON MOST BOXERS ARE ANTI-THUMBLESS GLOVES?
H-HOW CAN ONE PULL UP HIS TRUNKS IF NEED BE ??
CHARLIE McGILL ~THE RING~

# RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

Precedence is merely a footprint in the concrete of time. Nothing more and nothing less. And ever since *The Ring* originally began to rate boxers—back when men were men and women damned glad of it—it has held to certain precedents, certain traditions. Traditions, it must be noted, which trace their ancestry to a time when nobody knew what the WBC and WBA stood for—as if they do now.

It was back then, in 1924, that Nat Fleischer established certain criteria for determining who, in fact, was Ring's "Champion of the World," not the demi-champion of some banana boat group trying to prostitute boxing to their own ends. Those criteria, which we faithfully adhere to today, were: That if a man beats a recognized champion, he automatically suceeds to his throne; That, in the case of a vacated title, where two champions have met each other with the title at stake previously, the ascension of both to titles would result in the declaration of the winner of their head-to-head title confrontation as *Ring's* "World Champion"; and, finally, That in the case of a vacated title, where the two champions have not fought each other for a title then where Ring's Number One and Number Two-rated fighters in a division meet for the championship the winner shall become *Ring's* "World Champion."

The first rule is easy to follow and has been invoked several times, as when Michael Spinks beat Dwight Braxton-Qawi for the light heavyweight title or when Marvin Hagler beat Alan Minter for the middleweight title. The second rule is a little more difficult to follow, but was used to determine the heavyweight throne in 1978 and Mike Weaver's ascension to the WBA title, Larry Holmes was recognized by *The Ring* as "World's Heavyweight Champion" for having beaten Weaver in a bout with the heavyweight title at stake the previous year. Or when Sean O'Grady beat Hilmer Kenty after losing to Jim Watt in an unsuccessful challenge for his lightweight belt, thus making Watt *Ring's* "World's Lightweight Champion."

The third method of recognition is one which has been used by *The Ring* only three times in the past. But three times doth a precedent make.

Now, for the fourth time in *Ring* history—and ring history as well—we have need for resorting to that third rule to determine a "World's Champion." And name second-rated Thomas Hearns as *the* Junior Middleweight Champion of the World for having bested the top-rated contender for the crown, Wilfred Benitez. Welcome to Ring's list of World Champions, Thomas. May your footsteps in the concrete of boxing be as permanent as Ring's adherence to tradition.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

## RING RATINGS 45 YEARS AGO

### HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

1. Max Schmeling, Germany
2. Max Baer, Livermore, Calif.
3. Gunnar Barlund, Finland
4. Nathan Mann, New Haven, Conn.
5. Tony Galento, Orange, N.J.
6. Tommy Farr, Wales
7. Jimmy Adamick, Midland, Mich.
8. Bob Pastor, New York, N.Y.
9. Lou Nova, Los Angeles, Calif.
10. Buddy Baer, Oakland, Calif.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Lou Ambers, Herkimer, N.Y.

1. Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico
2. Davey Day, Chicago, Ill.
3. Wesley Ramey, Grand Rapids
4. Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn.
5. Billy Beauhuld, Jersey City
6. Tommy Cross, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Maxie Berger, Canada
8. Petey Sarron, Birmingham, Ala.
9. Irving Eldridge, New York
10. Norman Quarles, Charlotte, N.C.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
John Henry Lewis, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Al Gainer, New Haven, Conn.
2. Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash.
3. Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.
4. Len Harvey, England
5. Eddie Wenstob, Canada
6. Jock McAvoy, England
7. Melio Bettina, Pittsburgh, Pa.
8. Dave Clark, New York, N.Y.
9. Ray Actis, San Francisco, Calif.
10. Tiger Warrington, Canada

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Freddie Miller, Cincinnati, Ohio
2. Leo Rodak, Chicago, Illinois
3. Dave Castilloux, Canada
4. Ginger Foran, Liverpool, England
5. Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia
7. Al Reid, New York, N.Y.
8. Mike Belloise, Bronx, N.Y.
9. Petey Scalzo, New York, N.Y.
10. Johnny Brown, Hollywood, Calif.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Freddie Steele, Seattle, Wash.

1. Young Corbett, San Francisco
2. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco
3. Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.
4. Solly Krieger, New York
5. Glen Lee, Grand Island, Neb.
6. Carmelo Candel, France
7. Ben Brown, Atlanta, Ga.
8. Erich Seelig, Germany
9. Ossie Stewart, New York
10. Walter Woods, New York, N.Y.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico

1. K.O. Morgan, Stamford, Conn.
2. Pancho Villa, Mexico
3. Johnny Gaudes, Winnipeg, Maintoba
4. Lou Salica, New York, N.Y.
5. Baby Yack, Toronto, Ontario
6. Indian Quintana, Panama City
7. Georgie Pace, Cleveland, Ohio
8. Panama Al Brown, Panama
9. Aurel toma, Roumania
10. Kid Turner, British Guiana

### WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Barney Ross, Chicago, Ill.

1. Ceferino Garcia, Philippines
2. Jack Carroll, Australia
3. Felix Wouters, Belgium
4. Saverio Turiello, Italy
5. Gustave, Eder, Germany
6. Kenny LaSalle, Houston
7. Holman Williams, Detroit
8. Milt Aron, Chicago, Ill.
9. Andrea Jessurun, Dutch Guinea
10. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Benny Lynch, Glasgow, Scotland

1. Peter Kane, England
2. Tiny Bostock, England
3. Little Dado, Philippines
4. Jackie Jurich, San Jose
5. Frank (Kid) Bonser, England
6. Tut Whalley, England
6. Jim Warnock, Belfast, Ireland
7. Valentin Angelmann, France
8. Fortunato Ortega, Spain
9. Jim Warnock, Belfast, Ireland
10. Jimmy Webster, England

*From the June, 1938 issue of* The Ring.

GENUINE

# Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

### HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**LARRY HOLMES**** ..... Easton, Pa.
1 **Michael Dokes*** ..... Akron, Ohio
2 **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Renaldo Snipes** ..... Yonkers, N.Y.
4 **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
5 **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Trevor Berbick** ..... Halifax, Canada
7 **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
8 **Gerry Cooney** ..... Huntington, N.Y.
9 **Randall (Tex) Cobb** ..... Abilene, Tex.
10 **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. John Tate, 12. Marvis Frazier, 13. James Broad, 14. James Tillis, 15. Bernardo Mercado, 16. S.T. Gordon, 17. Eddie Lopez, 18. Jeff Sims, 19. David Bey, 20. Scott Frank

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MICHAEL SPINKS** ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1 **Dwight Braxton** ..... Camden, N.J.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **John Davis** ..... Hempstead, N.Y.
6 **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
8 **John Odhiambo** ..... Denmark
9 **Jose M. Flores** ..... Uruguay
10 **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Ossie Ocasio, 12. Saad Muhammad, 13. Willie Edwards, 14. Niva Tofaeoni, 15. Richard Caramanolis, 16. Jerome Clouden, 17. Young Joe Louis, 18. Eric Winbush

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MARVIN HAGLER** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 **Wilford Scypion** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
2 **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Tony Sibson** ..... England
4 **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
5 **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6 **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7 **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** ..... Venezuela
9 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
10 **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Bobby Czyz, 12. James Kinchen, 13. Bernard Mays, 14. Vinnie Curto, 15. Jean Marie Emebe, 16. Juan D. Roldan, 17. (Tie) Mark Holmes, Alex Ramos, 19. Robbie Sims, 20. J.B. Williamson

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1 **Thomas Hearns**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Davey Moore*** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** ..... San Antonio, Tex.
5 **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
6 **Carlos Herrera** ..... Argentina
7 **Clint Jackson** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
8 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
9 **Roberto Duran** ..... Panama
10 **Gary Guiden** ..... Muncie, Ind.

11. Fred Hutchings, 12. Herol Graham, 13. Luigi Minchillo, 14. Kirkland Laing, 15. Carlos Santos, 16. In-Chul Baek, 17. Charlie Weir, 18. John Mugabi, 19. Francisco DeJesus, 20. Tadashi Mihara

### WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 145 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1 **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4 **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
6 **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7 **Kevin Howard** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Mauricio Bravo** ..... Venezuela
9 **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
10 **Pete Ranzany** ..... Sacramento, Calif.

11. Luis Resto, 12. Milton Guest, 13. Bobby Joe Young, 14. Pablo Baez, 15. Harold Volbrecht, 16. Jun-Sok Hwang, 17. Mark Harris, 18. Hans Henrik Palm, 19. Alfredo Lucero

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**AARON PRYOR*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Leroy Haley**** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
2 **Alexis Arguello** ..... Nicaragua
3 **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
4 **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **Steve Hearon** ..... Houston, Texas
6 **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
7 **Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
8 **Bruce Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9 **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
10 **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy

11. Hidekazu Akai, 12. Willie Rodriguez, 13. Felix Reyes, 14. Guillermo Fernandez, 15. Clint McKenzie, 16. Hugo Hernandez, 17. Steve Early, 18. (TIE) Tommy Ayers, Antonio Cervantes, 20. Adriano Marrero, 21. Gene Hatcher, 22. John Verderosa

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**RATINGS AS OF APRIL 23, 1983**

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1 **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2 **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 **Andy Ganigan** ..... Honolulu, Ha.
5 **Greg Coverson** ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
6 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
7 **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
8 **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
9 **Ken Bogner** ..... Trenton, N.J.
10 **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Jimmy Paul, 12. Melvin Paul, 13. Tyrone Crawley, 14. Robin Blake, 15. Tony Baltazar, 16. John Montes, 17. Sergio Medina, 18. Alvin Hayes, 19. Nick Furlano

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ROGER MAYWEATHER*** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... England
2 **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
3 **Samuel Serrano** ..... Puerto Rico
4 **Bobby Chacon**** ..... Pacoima, Calif.
5 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** ..... Mexico
6 **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
7 **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Panama
8 **Jorge Alvarado** ..... Panama
9 **Chung Il-Choi** ..... Korea
10 **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Ruben Munoz, 12. Il-Bok Lee, 13. Tae-Jin Moon, 14. Eduardo Prieto, 15. Oscar Arnal, 16. Carlos Pinango, 17. Edgar Castro, 18. Benedicto Villablanca, 19. Yoshimitsu Azato

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**EUSEBIO PEDROZA*** ..... Panama
1 **Juan LaPorte**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Mario Miranda** ..... Colombia
8 **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9 **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Hwan Kil Yuh, 12. Reyes Gonzalez, 13. Augustin Martinez, 14. Irving Mitchell, 15. Oscar Bejines, 16. Angel Mayor, 17. Loris Stecca, 18. Richard Savage, 19. Steve Cruz, 20. (Tie) Rocky Garcia, Hector Cortes, 22. Barry McGuigan

### JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**WILFREDO GOMEZ**** ..... Puerto Rico
1 **Leo Cruz*** ..... Dominican Republic
2 **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Sergio Palma** ..... Argentina
4 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **Lupe Pintor** ..... Mexico
6 **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
7 **Soon-Hyun Chung** ..... Korea
8 **Bobby Berna** ..... Philippines
9 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Felix Rodriguez** ..... Panama

11. Bernardo Checa, 12. Victor Callejas, 13. Carmelo Negron, 14. Oscar Muniz, 15. Jairo Anton, 16. Antonio de la Paz, 17. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 18. Juan Antonio Lopez,

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**JEFF CHANDLER*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** ..... Mexico
2 **Albert Davila** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
5 **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
6 **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
7 **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
8 **Chul-Ho Kim** ..... Korea
9 **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10 **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas

11. Paul Ferreri, 12. (Tie) Kiko Bejines, Jaime Garza, 14. Richard Sandoval, 15. Seung-Hoon Lee, 16. James Pipps, 17. Eijiro Murata, 18. Daniel Zaragoza, 19. Jorge Ramirez, 20. Neptali Alamag,

### FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**CHARLIE MAGRI**** ..... England
1 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2 **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
3 **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
4 **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
5 **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
6 **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
7 **Prudencio Cardona** ..... Colombia
8 **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
9 **German Torres** ..... Mexico
10 **Antonio Avelar** ..... Mexico

11. Juan Diaz, 12. Hi-Sup Shin, 13. Tadashi Tomori, 14. Juan Herrera, 15. Amado Ursua, 16. Candido Tellez, 17. (tie) Hwan-Jin Kim, Gustavo Ballas, 19. Lupe Madera, 20. Adrian Roman, 21. Keith Wallace

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## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

**This issue's Fighter of the Month is the new WBC junior flyweight champion, Jung-Koo Chang. The 20-year-old Korean won the crown by halting Panama's Hilario Zapata in the third round in Daejon, Korea. Chang had lost a disputed split duke to Zapata six months earlier.**

## FIGHT OF THE MONTH

***M. FRAZIER-BROAD***

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—It looks like Joe Frazier isn't as crazy as most folks thought he was when he agreed to let Marvis fight James Broad. After Marvis brawled his way to a close, but unanimous, 10-round decision over Broad, both father and son are entitled to a hearty "I told you so." Marvis proved that he can not only beat a live fighter, but that, despite his relatively small size, he can successfully rumble with even the largest heavyweights. It was a day of redemption for the entire Frazier clan. The victory erased both Marvis' knockout loss to Broad and the nagging whispers that the younger Frazier was merely an extension of his father's ego.

"We wanted this fight very badly, just to clear the Frazier name," said Marvis. "They said the Frazier family was out of the boxing game. We had to show them we're still heavyweight championship material."

The contest had the appearance of a David and Goliath pairing. Broad, who pared down to 228¼ for this one, still dwarfed the 198¼-pound Frazier. During the prefight instructions, it looked like a man versus a boy, but once the first bell sounded, it was obvious to all that both were definitely men.

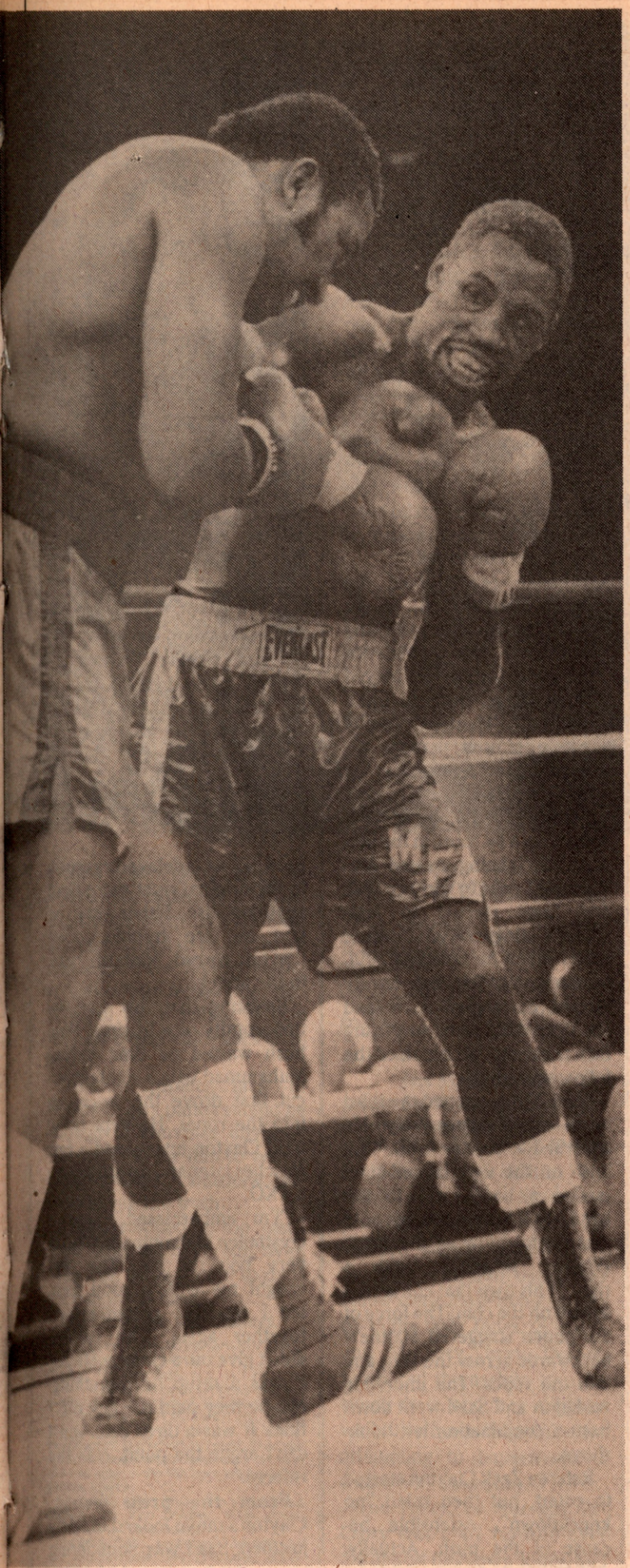
Following a relatively quiet opener, the fireworks began in earnest in the second. Marvis, heretofore not considered a devastating puncher, nailed Broad with a right to the jaw that staggered James into the ropes and turned his knees to rubber.

"James was moving in and I noticed his left hand was a little low," explained Marvis. "I threw the right hand and I caught him on the button."

Frazier waded into Broad, firing both hands. Lefts and rights ricocheted off Broad's head as the crowd at Resorts screamed encouragement. For a moment, it looked like James was ready to topple, but he somehow managed to survive the onslaught and was gamely punching back as the round drew to a close, catching Marvis with a right uppercut at the bell.

Marvis continued to press his advantage in the third. The exchanges were often hot and heavy, with Marvis forced to absorb some hefty body shots as he moved in. Both scored well, but overall, Frazier was in charge. He sliced open a cut over Broad's left eyelid and seemed, at this point, on his way to an early victory.

Broad also had something to prove. Cynics has scoffed at his ESPN belt and poked fun at his ever-expanding tummy. After he'd swollen to up 250 in January, Top Rank had threatened to disown him. Stung by all the criticism, Broad embarked on a strenuous reducing program under new trainer Jose Correa that resulted in a weight loss of over 20 poinds. He got back into the fight during the middle rounds, driving vicious uppercuts into Frazier's body, the force of which



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sometimes lifted Marvis' feet off the ground.

By the sixth, it looked like Frazier was starting to fade. In the seventh, it was Broad's turn to land a big right. The punch stunned Marvis and Broad hammered him into the ropes with a series of follow up punches. Then, just when it looked like Broad had victory within his grasp, he seemed unable to muster the energy to land one more telling blow. That was all Marvis needed. He found his second wind and railed back as the round ended.

"You've got to give Marvis Frazier credit," said Correa. "He was in condition. His old man had the boy in shape. And that's why he didn't go down."

Frazier outhustled Broad in the eighth and ninth, scoring well with his right and getting the better of several toe-to-toe exchanges. It had developed into a stirring slugfest and both men let it all hang out in an effort to gain the upper hand.

Broad, probably realizing that he was trailing on points, went for the kayo in the 10th. He rattled Marvis a few times and won the round on all three official scorecards. It was not, however, enough to salvage the fight. Judges Frank Brunette and Phil Newman both gave Frazier a 5-4-1 edge, while judge John Stewart made it unanimous with a 6-3-1 tally.

For Frazier, now 9-0 (six kayoes), the horizons are unlimited. He has finally stepped out of his father's shadow, winning a fight that few experts thought he should have taken in the first place.

Broad suffered his first loss in 13 pro outings (seven kayoes), but hardly disgraced himself. He looked better fighting his tail off in defeat than in all those dreary wins put together.

In the entertaining semi-final, Freddie Reyes, 138, Phila., scored a unanimous 10-round decision over game Arnie Wells, 138¾, Davidson Michigan. Scores were 7-2-1 and 6-3-1 (twice), all in favor of Reyes, who is now 15-0-1 (seven kayoes). Wells dropped to 13-3 (eight kayoes).

Rodney Frazier, 204½, Phila., TKO's a fatty by the name of Trib Perry, 238¼, Greensboro, N.C., at the end of the first It had been optimistically scheduled for four.

Larry McKeever, 135¼, New York, won a majority decision over Gary Gamble, 136, Indianapolis, four.

Joe Cortez refereed the main event and Reyes-Wells, while Rudy Battle handled R. Frazier-Perry and McKeever-Gamble.

The main event was televised live over CBS-Promoters—Joe Verne and Top Rank, Inc.

(04-10-83) NIGEL COLLINS

***PRYOR-KIM***

***WBA Junior Welterweight Title***

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Kim Novac stood a better chance of beating Aaron Pryor than Sang-Hyun Kim did. But the WBA—who apparently learned absolutely nothing from the Duek-Koo Kim tragedy—promoted another inept Korean to the top spot in their junior welterweight ratings, forcing Pryor into a mandatory defense situation. Aaron obliged and dispatched Kim (Sang-Hyun, that is) at 0:37 of the third round in an ABC-TV sponsored farce that proved little more than a sideshow to the courtroom drama that preceded it.

Pryor's estranged manager, Buddy LaRosa, went to court in an effort to stop the bout, claiming that he hadn't approved the match. He obtained a temporary restraining order, but a last-minute ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court cleared the way for the bout to proceed as scheduled. Maybe it would have been preferable for boxing if LaRosa had been successful. The last thing the racket needs right now is another mismatch. And that's exactly what the fight (if you dare call it that) turned out to be—a total mismatch.

Kim didn't look too bad on paper. The tall (5'9") southpaw had beaten Saensak Muangsurin for the WBC version of the title back in 1979 and had made two successful defenses before losing the belt to Saoul Mamby the following year. He'd since gone undefeated in 12 outings, bringing his overall record to 42-3-3 (25 kayoes) coming in. In the ring, however, Kim was pitiful. He looked like an accident looking for a place to happen. His idea of strategy consisted of backing into the ropes and cowering as Pryor unleashed one flurry after another.

At the opening bell, Kim threw a wild right, missed by a mile, and almost fell over his own feet. As Sang-Hyun stumbled about trying to regain his balance, Pryor rushed in and unloaded with both hands. For all intents and purposes, that

was both the beginning and the end of the fight. The challenger never recovered from his desperate clumsiness and Pryor never wavered from his relentless attack.

Kim, 138¾, was slow getting off his stool at the start of the second round. And who could blame him? He seemd to know that his cause was hopeless. Pryor stayed right in his face, landing punches with ridiculous ease. The only potential for danger came when a clash of heads opened a nasty cut above Aaron's right eye.

"At first, I thought it was sweat. Then it got into my eye and I saw it on Kim's body," explained Pryor. "It was the first time in my life I'd been cut."

The injury forced Pryor to step up his already break-neck pace. he rained punches on his hapless opponent, connecting with over 20 clean rights to the head before the bell saved Kim from certain oblivion. As it was, he wobbled back to his corner like a drunk looking for the mens room, his hand groping the ropes for support.

"I was surprised that I was moving him with my punches as much as I was, because I had to lose a pound this morning," said Pryor, who made 140 on his second trip to the scales.

The capacity crowd at the Sand's Copa Room was shocked to see Kim answer the bell for the third. Doctor Paul T. Williams of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission was reluctant to permit the stricken boxer to come out. He remained in Kim's corner for at least 20 seconds after the bell had sounded before stepping aside and allowing the carnage to continue.

"I was tempted to stop it," Williams said later. "He had taken a lot of punishment. I let it continue because he appeared okay when I examined him, and it was a title bout."

Pryor wasted no time finishing the job at hand. He battered Kim into the ropes with still another barrage of head shots and Panamanian referee Carlos Berrocal immediately terminated the travesty. Needless to say, there was no protest from the loser or his camp.

Pryor was understandably bemused following the fight. The week of uncertainty that had preceded the match had obviously bothered him far more than the Korean's feeble efforts. Although the easy victory raised his record to 33-0 (31 kayoes), it did nothing for his bank account. His entire purse will be held in escrow until Aaron's contractual squabbles with LaRosa are ironed out.

When someone asked Pryor how long he could maintain the intensity that is his trademark, he replied: "I'm gonna be hungry until I beat LaRosa."

In the meantime, Pryor has his work cut out for him. His plans over the next 18 months include a rematch with Alexis Arguello, a fight with Ray Mancini, and then, finally, a showdown with whoever happens to be the 147-pound champ at the time. A bold plan to be sure, but one that could very well be within his grasp—providing the WBA doesn't have another Korean lurking in the wings. Did somebody say Sang-Ho Lee?

The title fight judges were Marco Antonio Rodriguez (Mexico), Lorenzo Drake (Panama), and Hector Hernandez (Mexico). Their services were hardly needed.

In the thin prelims, Sonny (Sunshine) Long, 117¾, Cincinnati, scored a unanimous decision over Darrell (Pee Man) Jones, 119, Cincinnati, eight. Paul Venti, referee.

Lamont Haithcoach, 148, Irvington, N.J., and Buzzy Boykins, Chicago, battled to a majority six-round draw. Boykins' manager, Clarence Griffin, was stricken by a heart attack during the bout and rushed to the Atlantic City Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Referee, Venti.

Vito Maselli, 139½, Elizabeth, N.J., TKO'd Mike Penderman, 137¾, Greenwood, S.C., at 1:09 of the third round in a scheduled six. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Jose Rodriguez, 134, Paterson, N.J., TKO'd Michael Golden, 133, Phila., at 0:60 of the second round in a scheduled six. Referee, Hazzard.

Preliminary judges—Tommy Kaczmarek, Bill Kostrub, Larry Wallace.

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(04-02-83)

### *WINBUSH-SAAD MUHAMMAD*

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—It was hard to believe your eyes. There was former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad—once one of the most exciting and feared fighters in the world—getting smeared all over the ring by Eric Winbush. Eric Winbush? Sure, Saad had been thoroughly stomped by Dwight Muhammad Qawi, but this was supposed to be just a warm-up to start Matt's comeback, a piece of cake. It turned out to be anything but. Winbush, who entered the match sporting a humble 11-6 (just three kayoes) record, scored the first major upset of 1983, stopping Saad at 1:53 of the third round in a scheduled 10-rounder at the Claridge Hotel Casino.

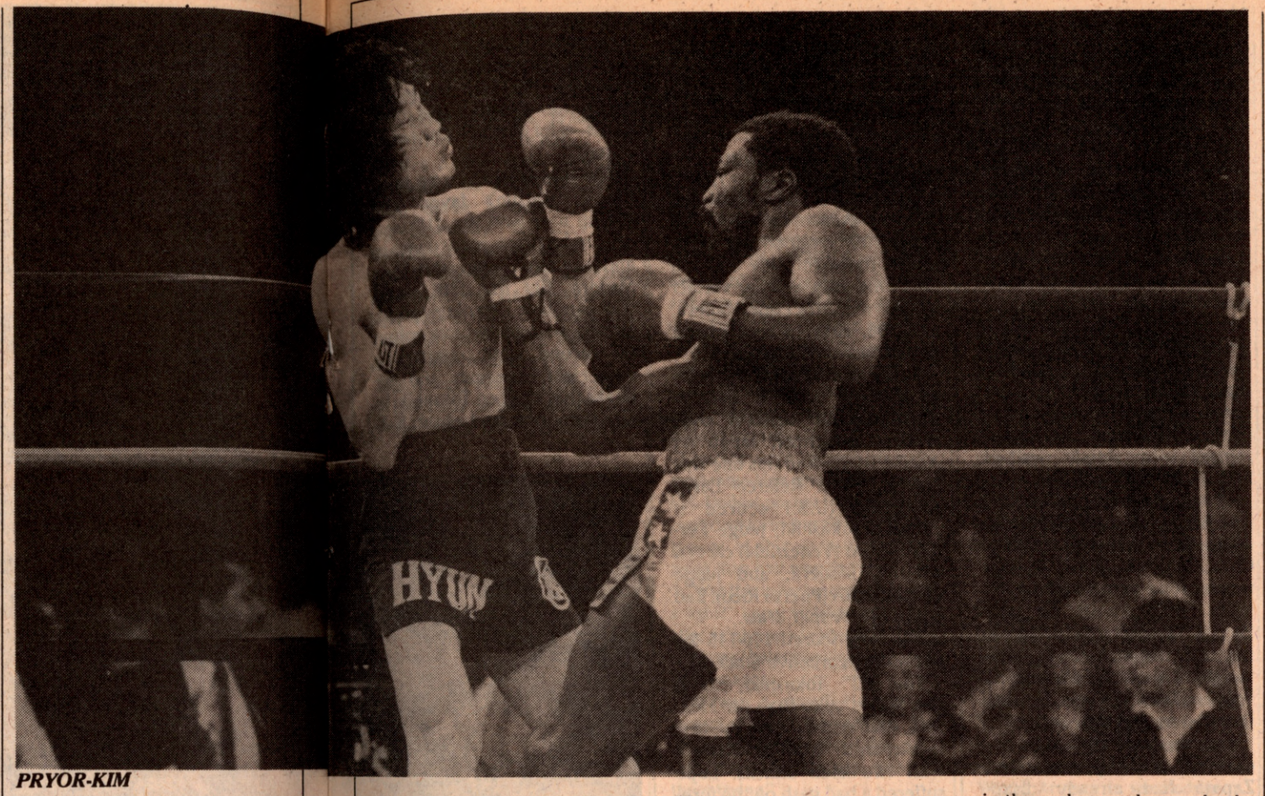
This was a comeback that quite a few folks wished had never gotten off the launching pad in the first place. Win or lose, Saad always paid a shocking price in almost every fight. There was genuine concern for his well-being. Now there should be outright alarm. He was pitiful. And to make matters worse, Matthew insists that he will continue to fight.

Although Saad forced the fight in the first, he never landed a solid blow, allowing Winbush to gain confidence and points. Eric wisely stayed at long range, pecking away with his jab. Matthew seemed unsure of himself, perhaps still gunshy from the beatings he took from Qawi.

Winbush, 176¼, New York, opened up a bit more in the second. His jabbing caused Muhammad's nose to spring a leak and Saad started to look slightly desperate, lunging wildly when he punched. Still, at this point, Winbush hardly looked like a giant killer and few expected the surprising turn of events that unfolded the following round.

Saad, 175½, opened the third much more aggressively. He absorbed a combo from Winbush on the way in and then landed a hard right to the head—as it turned out, his only meaningful blow of the fight. Winbush responded with a right of his own that connected square on the chin. The force of the punch staggered Matthew backwards across the ring and into the ropes. The underdog waded in and Saad went down from a combination left hook-shove.

Referee Zack Clayton started to count, but then ruled "no knockdown", ostensible because of the push. Actually,



***PRYOR-KIM***

Saad fell as a delayed reaction to the original right more than anything else. Either way, he was in dire trouble when Clayton waved Winbush back to the attack.

Realizing that this was the opportunity of a lifetime, Winbush wasted no time nailing Muhammad with a right uppercut that drove the ex-champ into the ropes. He kept firing until Clayton intervened a few punches later and awarded him a TKO.

"I'm embarrassed," said a crestfallen Muhammad. "This is very bad for me. The guy caught me with a good shot, but I would've gotten myself together again. The referee didn't give me a chance. Maybe it was a setup or something. Maybe they paid the guy off. I think it was a dirty deal. But I can't argue the point. He's the referee."

From the press bench, Clayton's move looked entirely justified. Saad was floundering around in a helpless condition and seemed in danger of suffering serious harm had Winbush been permitted to continue his onslaught. New Jersey boxing commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott had been yelling to stop the fight even before Zack stepped in.

Saad's complete lack of resistance to a punch should be enough to convince anybody that it's time for him to retire. Unfortunately, Matthew refuses to see the truth.

"They stopped it too fast," Saad repeated over and over. "The best thing for me to do is try one more time."

Let's hope he reconsiders.

In the scheduled 10-round semi-final, Calvin (Pop) Porter, 153¼, Phila., TKO'd Freddie Boynton, 150, Red Bank, N.J., at 1:29 of the 10th. A right to the head dropped Boynton shortly before the stoppage, Referee, Clayton.

Richie Bennett, 171½, Darby, Pa., TKO'd Tony Campbell, 170½, New York, at 2:44 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. The loser was down once in the second from a left hook and then again in the fifth from another hook. Referee, Clayton.

Kelvin Kelly, 181¼, Phila., won a unanimous decision over John Childrey, 171¾, Phila., four. Referee, Duane Bobick.

Lee Smith, 222½, Lynchburg, Va., scored a split decision over Billy O'Rourke, 201¾, Kingston, Pa., four. Referee, Bobick.

Tom McGuire, 191¼, Phila., TKO'd Decon Brooks, 185¼, Irvington, N.J., at 0:36 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Bobick.

Frank Montgomery, 142, Phila., TKO'd Geronimo Mobley, 141, Pottstown, Pa., at 1:19 of the second round in a scheduled six. Referee, Bobick.

Judges—Frank Brunette, Ray Hoagland, Lindsey Tucker.

Promoters—Joe Hand and J. Russell Peltz.

(03-23-83) *NIGEL COLLINS*

### *McCRORY-JONES*
### *Vacant WBC Welterweight Title*

RENO, NEV.—The World Boxing Council granted Milton McCrory and Colin Jones the privilege of trying to claim the vacated welterweight title of Sugar Ray Leonard, but neither fellow came close to measuring up to the task. Jones, of Wales, and McCrory, from Detroit, belabored themselves to a 12-round draw, and they might as well have been disqualified for attempting to impersonate a true world champion.

The lanky, 20-year old McCrory was a 4-1 favorite over the almost unknown Jones, and in the early rounds completely outclassed his 24-year old foe with a sharp jab and smart, constant foot movement. But once the crude Jones smacked the fleet-footed Milton in the face a few times, usually with a wide swinging left hook, McCrory ran all around the ring, with only a pretense of aggression, and nothing to beat Jones away from him.

Each fighter easily made the 147 pound limit, but because of a recent WBC edict their title fight was reduced to 12 rounds. Whatever the arguments are for how long men should fight for a title, Colin Jones has a right to be disgruntled, for it seems likely that he would have finished off McCrory if given a few more minutes.

Both fighters tried hard, but neither of them could come up with enough talent or magic to drive away the spectre of Sugar Ray Leonard, and unfortunately, they met in the same ring in which Leonard had his last fight just over a year ago. The draw was a fair verdict, though both camps complained. Promoter Don King suffered severe apoplexy when Jones began to whack McCrory, and though the panic certainly sprang from his quest for wealth, there was also the embarrassment of watching a fighter touted as the new Tommy Hearns fizzle like a wet fuse when push came to shove. No one fails worse than the overrated.

Jones and McCrory will meet again, but the world will not hold its breath.

When the bout ended, most of the crowd at the Reno Convention Center booed, displeased with the late round running of the 6'1" McCrory. The decision was announced as a split verdict (a rare mistake by announcer Jimmy Lennon), and the crowd booed again as McCrory was lifted up by his handlers. The cards read: 116-114, Jones; 116-113, McCrory; and 115-115, which has been called a draw for a very, very long time.

Although Colin Jones, the underdog, can boast about a moral victory, the truth is that Jones showed himself to be a simplistic fighter, strong but unschooled, and cursed with the wretched habit of walking into his opponent and not throwing a punch. Jones may be courageous, and McCrory athletic, but both qualities heaped together are not enough to follow, even modestly, the champion that came before them.

Some 3,500 paying customers showed up, and though the bout was shown nationwide by ABC TV, it was not a raving success for the Reno Convention Center.

Bruce Curry, 141¼, Los Angeles, knocked out Tyrone Rackley, 141½, Phoenix, two minutes into the first round. Curry completely wiped out the one time world class Rackley with both fists, ending the scheduled 10-rounder in spectacular fashion.

In another 10, Davey Armstrong, 136½, Detroit, won an easy unanimous decision over Rosendo Ramirez, 135, Los Angeles.

Ronnie Shields, 143, Houston, was lacklustre in outpointing ordinary Jimmy Blevins, 142½, Chicago, over 10.

Richie Savia, 130½, Sacramento, easily whipped opponent Everado Rico, 134, San

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Diego, 10. Savala beat Rico to the punch on almost all occasions, though now and then he seemed lazy.

Duke McKenzie, 115¼, England, knocked out Lupe Sanchez, 117½, Phoenix, in 1:59 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Danny Savala, 133½, Sacramento, won a unanimous six- round decision over Juan Rodriguez, 130, San Jose.
(03-19-83)

*CHRISTOPHER COATS*

### *CHANG-ZAPATA*
### *WBC Junior Flyweight Title*

DAEJON, KOREA—Jung Koo Chang, 107½, Korea, won the WBC junior flyweight crown by stopping defending champ Hilario Zapata, 108, Panama, at 2:46 of the third round in a scheduled 12-round title bout in Chungmu Gymnasium.

Jung-Koo who?? Only the best fighting machine to come out of Korea since the days of Ki-Soo Kim! Chang is a hard hitting switch hitter with speed, power, durability, and gameness. Jung-Koo had lost a split duke to Zapata last September, with *The Ring* tabbing it 146-145 in the Korean's favor. This time, however, it was just no contest.

Not to take anything away from Chang, but Zapata had arrived in Korea in bad mental and physical condition. He'd been in jail for about 45 days in Panama for beating his mother, and was nine pounds over the class limit when he arrived at Kimpo airport a week before the fight. He took a lot of sauna baths, but failed to make 108 at the morning weigh-in. Finally, on his *sixth* try, he made it.

Chang and the champ were both cautious as the contest opened. Suddenly, Chang bored in with straight rights, and Zapata countered with a sharp straight right and a right uppercut to the chin. Hilario looked surprisingly sharp. Chang attacked with powerful combos to the face and body, but Zapata caught them on his elbows.

The second round was all Chang. He started the fireworks by going for Zapata's breadbasket, and the champion beat a retreat. Hilario tried to grab Jung-Koo, but the Korean just battered away with both fists.

The fatal third began with Chang attacking, once more, to the body. Zapata tried to use his jab, but Chang was too quick, too elusive. The Korean repeatedly scored with combinations and soon had Zapata cornered. No matter what Zapata did—like holding on to Jung-Koo's elbows, neck, or head—Chang kept on punching. A well timed solid left hook landed on Zapata's face and sent him staggering to the ropes. Chang leaped in, battering the bewildered Panamanian from all angles. Zapata was leaning against the ropes when American referee Rudy Ortega gave him a standing eight-count. When the ref reached eight, he ordered the champ to box on, but Hilario refused and simply walked back to his corner. It was over.

Chang jumped into the air, and his cornermen lifted him on to their shoulders. Ho-Yun Chun, his influential backer, was a proud man, indeed.

"I didn't expect to stop Zapata," Jung-Koo said, "but, as he had trouble making the weight, I went for his body. I was confident I'd win, but I'm thankful for the victory."

This reporter rushed to the champ's dressing room but Zapata had already disappeared with his manager, Luis Spada. He hadn't even paused to shower.

Chang, 20 (born on February 4, 1963), is obliged to face the WBC's top contender, German Torres, in his first defense. If Jung-Koo can beat him, he'll have arrived—a champion in fact as well as in name.

Jung-Koo only got $10,000 (as against Zapata's $110,000) for this fight, but he won the title, and had the honor of receiving a congratulatory phone call from Korean president Doo-Hwan Chun.

Former Korean lightweight champion Hong-Kyu Lim, 136¾, kayoed Koki Higashi, 135½, Japan, in 1:42 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. The stocky Lim is now 19-1 with 13 knockouts.

Korean national lightweight king Kyu-Woon Choi, 134¼, retained his crown by knocking out Chong-Hak Lee, 134½, in 1:12 of the seventh in their scheduled 10-rounder. A left hook was the haymaker.

Chong-Kwon Chung, 112½, and Kyung-Shik Park, 111¼, drew, eight. Chung fought German Torres several months earlier.

Four-rounders: Chang-Sung Choi, 116¼, outscored Jung-Sok Kwon, also 116¼. Chong-Rok Lee, 136¾, outpointed Tae-Nam Ahn, 139. Young-Shik Kim, 114½, kayoed Joo-Young Chung, 114¾, in 1:45 of the third round. Young-Ho Joo, 109¼, outpointed Won-Soo Chung, 110, in the opener.

Promoter—Former WBC junior featherweight champ Dong-Kyun Yum in association with Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.

WBC witness—Voltaire Reverente of the Filipino Games and Amusements Board.
(03-26-83)

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### *TOKASHIKI-MADERA*
### *WBA Junior Flyweight Title*

TOKYO, JAPAN—Katsuo Tokashiki, 108, retained his WBA junior flyweight title for the fifth time with a draw verdict against Mexico's Lupe Madera, also 108, after 15 hard fought rounds at Korakuen Hall.

This was a rematch, Tokashiki having won a greatly disputed split decision over Madera in Sendai, Japan on April 4, 1982. And this one was just as close. Referee Larry Rozadilla (U.S.) scored it 145-143, Tokashiki; judge Fernando Viso (Venezuela) carded 145-144, Madera; and judge Cesar Ramos (Puerto Rico), had it 144-144. A split draw.

*The Ring* scored 146-145 for the more aggressive Madera.

The 5'2" Tokashiki, about two inches taller than the Mexican, didn't do much in the first two rounds, won by Madera with two-fisted attacks. Lupe suffered a bad gash on the forehead in the second round, but went on to win the third frame with solid body shots and left hook-right cross combos to the face. Tokashiki looked bewildered by the 30-year-old Mexican's attack, but round four saw Madera bleeding from another big gash—this one on his skull.

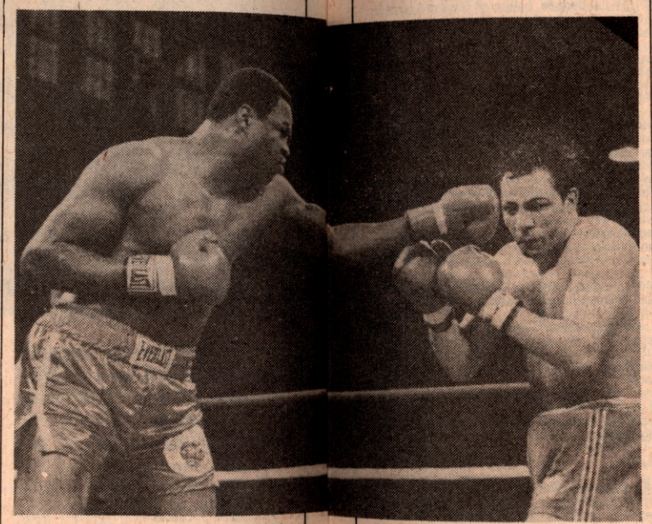
Katsuo, for the first time in the fight, became aggressive. Jabs and straight rights bounced off Lupe's crimson colored face. (Both the cuts were caused by head collisions.)

Madera's cornermen, Lupe Sanchez and Beto Rivera, tried to stop the bleeding, but to no avail. Tokashiki took the sixth round by a narrow margin with stinging lefts and looping rights. The seventh and eighth frames were about even.

Madera was successful with his body attack, but the cuts prevented him from seeing properly. That was his whole trouble.

Tokashiki turned loose in the ninth round, which he won with solid overhand rights to the face and head. The champ also won the 10th frame, in which he chased Lupe with rights—a lot of which, however, missed.

The tide seemed to be turning in Katsuo's favor. The champ also won the 11th session, as he threw more punches and was more aggressive than Madera. But the 12th round was another turning point. Madera seemed to have gotten his second wind, connecting with right uppercuts and left hooks that stopped Tokashiki in his tracks time and again. Katsuo was also penalized a point for using his left elbow to push the challenger away.



The 13th was Madera's best round. He pinned Tokashiki to the ropes with strong right uppercuts followed by left hooks to the face. Tokashiki, his legs gone, was forced to fight toe-to-toe with Madera. This was Lupe's game, however, and he shook the champ repeatedly.

Now it was Lupe who tired. The 14th was even, but the younger Tokashiki came out fighting hard to take the final round.

Madera turned pale when the ring announcer, Sakai, announced the decision. Erik Germon, his manager, bitterly protested the decision. "We wuz robbed," he cried. "We thought Madera won by three or four points."

Talking about "ifs" is usually pointless. However, "if" Madera hadn't been bleeding so badly, he could probably have made a better showing—especially in the later rounds. Lupe's gameness and power, despite his age, amazed the crowd. Had he been able to land with greater accuracy, he would probably have sunk the champ and won the title.

As it was, Katsuo's clinching of the final session saved his crown. He's now 18-1-2 with three kayoes. The unlucky Lupe is 34-12-2 with 25 knockouts.

Takefumi (Kenbun) Taiho, 107¼, won a split decision over Eduardo Acosta, 109, Mexico, after 10 gory rounds. Scoring: referee Ken Morita and judge Takeo Ugo, 98-97 and 98-96, respectively, Taiho; judge Masakazu Uchida, 98-97, Acosta. Taiho is now 6-1 with two kayoes. Acosta, Madera's sparring partner, is 16-4-2 with eight knockouts.

Roberto (Chibe) Arredondo, 125½, halted Higashiogiwara (East) Ogiwara, also 125½, at 2:54 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee. Roberto is a younger brother of former WBC junior lightweight champ Ricardo.

Mitsuru Sugiya, 128, kayoed Kazushi Hara, 129¼, in 2:50 of round two in a scheduled six. Sugiya, former winner of the East Japan Novice King tourney and the younger brother of former Japanese junior welterweight Minoru, is now 7-1 with four knockouts, and he looked impressive. Hara is 4-7 with two kayoes.

Four-rounders: Tetsuo Fukushima, 106½, dropped Masahiro Onishi, 107¼, twice and finished him at 1:43 of the first round. Masakatsu Toyooka, 111¾, won a unanimous decision over Hideaki Nishikawa, also 111¾, in the opener.

Timekeeper—Riichi Hirano.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Suzuki.

Katsuro Takahashi's Kyoei Promotions.
Nationally telecast by TBS TV.
WBA witness—Rafael Ramos Yordan (Puerto Rico), vice president of the World Boxing Association.
Attendance—3,200.
(04-10-83)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

### *HOLMES-RODRIGUEZ*
### *World Heavyweight Title*

SCRANTON, PENNA.—Fifteen rounds of jabbing Tex Cobb silly and now 12 more of beating up Lucien Rodriguez. Add on the final three stanzas of the Cooney fight and that's 30 straight rounds that Larry Holmes has fought since he last lost a frame according to the official scorecards. The Heavyweight Champion isn't chasing ring immortality—He's gunning for former L.A. Dodger pitcher Don Drysdale's record of throwing 59 consecutive innings of shutout ball. And he's more than half way there!

"Was this in fact more show than a fight?" Larry Holmes was asked after what was admittedly—despite it being a shutout—an unimpressive performance.

"It was a show," Holmes answered, "and it was a fight. You can't just put on a show. You gotta fight, because that guy was out there trying."

But, to paraphrase Hamlet, "the show was the thing" as Larry Homes "came home" to Scranton, where he had begun his career a decade ago. Back then he was an obscure 23-year-old prelim kid, fighting a four-rounder. Now he was the Heavyweight Champion of the World, dictating his own terms. In a gesture of independence from his promoter-cum-manager Don King, Holmes set up his own company, Sports Cor, Inc. and promoted the bout himself. Cast clearly in the supporting role was the opponent, Lucien Rodriguez of France. Rodriguez' European title belt gave him the "credibility" to be ranked number nine in the world by the WBC. But it didn't mask the fact that Lucien had thrice been knocked out by Alfredo Evangelista, though his tentative claim to fame was that he finally beat Evangelista in his fourth try. The 31-year-old Rodriguez was given less chance of winning the title than any challenger since Lorenzo Zanon was flattened by Holmes in 1980. ABC, which had televised the Zanon fight and the recent Cobb fight as well, turned down the opportunity to show this one, terming it a mismatch. But NBC was glad to jump in and pick up the fight up and "scored a knockout" according to Holmes.

The denigration of Rodriguez as a challenger did not dampen the enthusiasm of the people of Scranton, the city of some 100,000 that was hosting its first-ever Heavyweight Championship fight. Scranton has taken a bit of a beating in recent years, as industry and population left the entire region. Now it was their turn in the proverbial barrel. "Scranton Is Coming Back" proclaimed a large downtown billboard somewhat curiously, and the fight gave the town something to gloat over. "I wish that my city of Easton had a mayor like the mayor of Scranton," said Larry Holmes, more than a little dismayed at being unable to stage a homecoming fight in his nearby hometown.

Holmes had spent more time promoting the "Holmescoming" than training for it. His more-than-ample midriff provided ample evidence that this was little more than a tune-up as he weighed in at 221 pounds, his heaviest ever in a career that had seen him win all of his 41 fights. A sellout crowd of 6800 filled the Watres Armory to see Rodriguez, who weighed 209, become victim number 42.

The champion's sharp left jab reddenned the Frenchman's face even before Rodriguez had thrown his first punch, which came sometime during the third round. In the fourth Holmes buckled Rodriguez' legs with a left-right combination, but Lucien responded with his best punch of the fight, a left-hook to Larry's head. "I said to him, 'You're serious, ain't you?'," Holmes remembered afterward. "He didn't understand. He don't speak English."

Rodriguez hit the canvas in the sixth round after Holmes caught him with a right uppercut. Though a count was given—Rodriguez beat it easily—referee Carlos Padilla Jr. ruled that it no knockdown. "I thought it was a knockdown," Holmes said later, "but I guess I didn't hit him cleanly enough for the referee. It doesn't really matter now."

It mattered though to Rodriguez, who early on had given up hope of winning and turned his attention—and feet—to going the distance. "I'm glad it wasn't ruled a knockdown," Rodriguez said later through his interpreter. "My legs had gotten caught up and I tripped over my feet."

Rodriguez' American representative, George Kanter, admitted that from that point on Rodriguez was just trying to last the distance. "We told him not to take any risks because the fight was lost. But finishing on his feet was a moral victory."

Holmes wanted to score a knockout for his adoring fans, but it never came to pass. "He could have knocked him out if he had wanted to," referee Padilla said on leaving the ring. But Holmes said that was not so.

"I'm a head hunter," explained Holmes. "He was moving his head well from side to side and I couldn't catch him."

Holmes caught the attention of his wife, Diane, in the middle of the tenth round. During a slowdown in the action the champion dropped his hands and yelled something to Diane, who was seated at ringside. Rodriguez obediently refrained from pounching until Holmes was ready to resume, a second or so later. "I thought it was a trap," explained the Frenchman.

At the bell ending the 12th round Rodriguez threw his hands in the air, revelling in his moral victory and then dulled them down just as quickly, lest anyone misconstrue his action to mean he though he had won. It was the first heavyweight title fight to go to a scheduled a distance of less than 15 rounds since the Tunney-Dempsey fight in 1927. Rodriguez, who didn't win a single round on the cards of any of the three Mexican judges, earned $200,000 as his record fell to 35-8-1. Holmes cleared an estimated $500,000 as his record went to 42-0, including 30 knockouts.

James "Hardrock" Green, 155, New Jersey won his second bout since being stopped by Frank Fletcher last year, scoring a unanimous ten-round decision over Michael Dewar. Green is now 17-2. Dewar, of Kingston, Jamaica dropped to 18-3.

Charlie "White Lightning" Brown, 133, New Jersey extended his perfect record to 13-0 (12 knockouts) by stopping Sammy Young, also 133 at 1:31, round 8.

Tommy Ayers, 148, Cincinnati knocked out Dominic Fox, 144, Belfast, N. Ireland at 2:50, first round. European heavyweight Mary Konate, 224, scored a first-round knockout over Pete Brodsky, 187 in a brutal mismatch. Time was 3:06. Konate is now 9-2, all his wins coming by knockout.

Bobby Johnson, 134, Easton, beat Fred Pendleton, eight. Lee White, 133 beat Jody Nabinger, 132 in a four-rounder.
(3-27-83)

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# RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

## NORTH AMERICA

## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

**▲PACIFICA**—Professional boxing came to small town Pacifica for the first time and a raucous, sold-out crowd filled Ocean High School Auditorium to watch some budding local heros square off against tough, stand-up opponents. Most of the action was pure slam-bang and the customers lapped it wildly.

In the main-event, Pacifica middleweight Johnny Nava came away with a slim but unanimous decision over veteran Pedro Guerrero in a rousing brawl that had Nava's fans gashing their teeth and wringing their hands. The bout had been scheduled for 10 rounds, but the State Athletic Commission shortened it to eight because Guerrero, out of L.A., with a record of 15-16, was not regarded as the best opponent for the undefeated 21-year old Nava. Ironically, Nava all but finished the fight with his night's last breath, having difficulty in going eight rounds for the first time.

Perhaps the best of the upcoming local fighters, Nava, 158½, remained unbeaten in 13 starts, with eight knockouts, but his win came with a heavy dose of punishment. The 25-year-old Guerrero, born in Guatemala, easily maneuvered Nava against the ropes in every round and plastered his face with counter overhand rights. Fortunately, Nava had the strength to hold up against the punches, but he was a sorry youth who had yet to figure out a way to move around the ring and avoid right hands.

Despite his lack of experience, Nava proved himself the better man, never failing to rally back with stiff punches to the chin of Guerrero. All three officials gave Nava the verdict by just one point, turning in cards of 78-77, 77-76, and 77-76. Promoter Piriano is attempting to arrange a rematch, this time for 10 rounds.

In an eight-round semi-main, Andy Nance, 141½, Marin, walked up and down Laland Hart, 144½, Sacramento, and won every round, though he failed to stop his opponent. Nance is now 9-0 with five knockouts, and he is quickly becoming popular with fight-hungry fans. It was a good performance by Nance, but one wished it had not gone on so long.

In a six-rounder, Dave Marsala, 147½, San Francisco, was on the verge of beating Ramiro Inequez, 148, Los Angeles, but with just a minute and a half left in the final round, Inequez whacked him with two lead-pipe punches. Marsala hit the canvas, flat on his back, out cold. It was a finish that could straighten curly hair.

In another six-rounder, Zack (Attack) Hewitt, 159, San Francisco, overcame a shaky start to knock out Gregory "Slammer" Diaz, in 0:48 of the fifth.

Mark Cantley, 210, Pacifica, made his pro debut by knocking out Rocky Oliver, 220, Los Angeles, at the end of the first.

Promoter—Manny Piriano.

Attendance—1,002. Gross—$11,170.

(04-09-83)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

### CONNECTICUT

**▲BRIDGEPORT—Central High Gym**—Don Halpin, 204, Lowell, Mass., scored a TKO in the second round of an eight-round feature over Ralph Cuomo, 208, Hempstead, L.I., after the latter suffered a torn bicep tendon. Referee Walt Longo called in the ringside physician Steven M. Stein after the Bay Stater quit with pain etching his features. Dr. Stein said: "He was obviously experiencing excruciating pain and I found he had torn a tendon in his left bicep." Cuomo appeared to have won the first round.

Former world's featherweight champ Willie Pep of the state's Athletics Division stepped in as guest judge for the seven-bout card when one of the three officials failed to appear. "No big deal," said Pep, who has officiated internationally as a guest referee and judge.

Iron MIke Costello, 170, Bridgeport, outpointed Victor King, 167, Bridgeport, in the co-featured eight. It turned into a spirited battle, unfolded before a partisan Park City crowd.

Jerry Halstead, 174, Branford, added a 23rd victory in 24 bouts by hammering out a majority decision in eight over Abdul Makin, 177, Jersey City, N.J.

Pablo Pizarro, 177, New York, outscored Jimmy Allen, 171, Bridgeport, six.

John McClain, 146, Stratford, outpointed Jose Vera, 146, Bridgeport, six.

Felix Cortex, 121, Waterbury, and Santiago Coriano, 120, Springfield, Mass., drew, four.

Marical Santiago, 133, Hempstead, L.I., outscored Jose Rivera, 130, Waterbury, four.

Officials—Walt Longo, Sam Maltempo, Willie Pep.

Timekeeper—Ed Krasnow.

Ringside physician—Steven M. Stein.

Announcer—Vasil Chiaco.

Matchmaker—Vito Tallarita.

Promoter—Dennis Dean, Double D Promotions.

Attendance—286. Gross—$3,195.

(3-24-83)

**▲WEST HARTFORD—Agora Ballroom**—Papo Figueroa, 148, Hartford, once more dug deep into his dogged determination to knock out Tim LaValle, 145, Albany, in 20 seconds of the fifth in a slated 10. However, for nearly four rounds an upset was in the making. LaValle, considered an "opponent" for any area foe in earlier bouts here, surprised by beating the New England welterweight champ to the punch. He was fast afoot and fist, conditioned finely for an upset—and he was a southpaw, the second lefty faced by Figueroa during a 25-3-3 career. Puzzled by his foe's unorthodox stance, Papo lost the first three rounds, and was losing the fourth until he cornered his tormentor and slugged him to the deck with a right uppercut to the jaw. Tim arose after the eight count.

In ten seconds of the fifth, Figueroa dug a right into Tim's soft midriff below his left arm and ribcage, LaValle dropping and being counted out by referee Sam Maltempo. Tim slammed a fist onto the deck after recovering, frustrated because it was his sixth consecutive setback. Bob Miller, his manager, claimed Tim hadn't been counted out. However, newsmen were close enough to hear the ref count ten.

Marcus Jackson, 178, Hartford, stopped Jimmy Allen, 180, Bridgeport, in 1:07 of the third in a slated eight. It was the second time in six weeks the New England light heavy king beat the downstater. A right to the jaw dropped Allen for an eight count in the third, and a left hook to the body capping a two-fisted assault spilled him again before referee Matt Mullaney stopped the bout.

Marcus Starks, 147, Hartford, halted Jake Reilly, 147, Troy, N.Y., in 1:17 of the seventh in a slated eight. Wearing the oldest boxing shoes ever seen here, with slits opened on the inside to (probably) favor bunions, Jake was no match for Starks. The latter, angered by a karate kick launched by the Troy veteran in the fifth, went for a knockout and unloaded rocking shots that stunned Reilly. Referee Mullaney then stopped it.

Four-rounders:

Milton Leak, 146, Hartford stopped John Brunelle, 148, Holyoke, Mass., in 2:43 of the second via the three-knockdown rule.

Wade Davis, 146, Hartford outpointed Cumba Valentine, 147, Hartford, in a slugfest.

Troy Wortham, 144, Hartford knocked out Jose Gonzalez, 146, Springfield, Mass. in 1:54 of the first.

Officials—Bob Muravnick, Sam Maltempo. Matt Mullaney.

Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.

Ringside physician—Steven M.Stein.

Announcer—Lou Dell.

Matchmaker—Vinnie Datro.

Promoter—John Mazzarella, Sports Promotions.

Attendance—385. Gross—$4,925.

(04-05-83)

JOSEPH CASSANO

### FLORIDA

**▲MIAMI—Fronton Jai Alai**—Former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, 135¼, Puerto Rico, kayoed Trad Thompson, 138, Las Vegas, with a terrific right to the jaw in 0:55 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Freddy Jackson, 117½, Houston, Texas, showed great form as he outpointed Andres Hernandez, 122, Puerto Rico, 10. Jackson is now 23-3 with 17 kayoes.

Felipe Orozco, 125, Columbia, S.C., kayoed Moro Clowney, 124½, Miami, with a left hook in 2:25 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Brailio Santiesteban, 133½, Miami, won a hard fought split decision over Carlos Albuerne, 131, Miami, eight.

Herminio Hernandez, 133¼, Belle Glade, TKO'd Emilio Diaz, 135, Miami, at 1:32 of the third. Bernie Soto, referee. Hernandez, now 7-1, looked good.

Tuto Enterprises/Felix Zabala.

Attendance—1,250.

(03-25-83)

**▲MIAMI—Ventura Skating Center**—Kenny Whetstone, 159, Homestead, Florida, knocked out Arthur Buchanan, 156, Bahamas, with a short right to the chin in 2:44 of the first round. Buchanan had never been off his feet in 10 pro bouts. Whetstone is now 20-1.

Dexter Smith, 153, Homestead, halted Pedro Valdez, 154, Miami, at 1:22 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Paul Lee, 129, Lake Worth, outscored Carlos Alburne, 130, Miami, eight.

Leroy Lucero, 130, Miami, outpointed Keith Jackson, 131, Miami, six.

Ray Dennis, 127, Ft. Lauderdale, outscored Gavilan Gonzalez, also 127, Miami, six.

Billy Cunningham, 147, Miami, outpointed Willie McGee, also 147, Miami, four.

Ronnie Robinson, 163, Miami, TKO'd John Dowe, 155, Miami, at 0:32 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Promoter—Julio Martinez.

Attendance—920.

(04-02-83)

**▲MIAMI—Fronton Jai Alai**—Juan Arroyo, 139, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Fernando (Mad Dog) Martinez, also 139, Miami, in an exciting 10-round "grudge" match between two unbeaten Florida favorites.

The shifty Arroyo used his new weapon—a beautiful left jab that manager Mark Feriole had been working on in secret—to good advantage. Dodging Mad Dog's blows, Juan came back with nice combinations to win nine of the 10 rounds. WBA junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor was a rooter in the corner of Martinez, but went to Arroyo's dressing room later to congratulate Juan on his impressive showing. Arroyo is now 16-0-1. Martinez is 10-1-3.

Sugar Rojas, 118, Colombia, kayoed Cocoa Guadamuz, 119, Nicaragua, in 2:10 of the third round with a right to the body. Rojas is now 14-0 with nine kayoes.

Idabeth Rojas, 127, Sugar's brother, won a hard fought verdict over Carlos Bejarano, 130, Nicaragua, 10. Rojas is now 12-0.

Luis Urraca, 137½, Miami, a southpaw, outscored the third brother, Clemente Rojas, 137, eight. Urraca showed a good left jab and a shifty style.

Dexter Bowman, 160, Miami, kayoed Ramon Perez, 159, Miami, in 0:55 of the first round in a scheduled six. A left hook to the body dropped Perez for the full count.

Promoter—Felix Zabala.

Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.

Attendance—1,820.

(04-08-83)

**▲HALLANDALE—Diplomat Hotel**—Sylvester Stallone paid Florida a visit, bringing in Stan Ward and Gord Racette to do battle in scheduled 10-round bouts. The magic of Stallone's name brought in a capacity crowd and delighted promoters Ted Menas and Ernie Letiziano.

Racette, 198, Canada, made short work of veteran Tom Prater, 205, Indianapolis. Gordon floored Tom in the first and finished him off in 1:48 of the second with a left hook to the stomach. Racette is now 35-2.

Stan Ward, 231, Sacramento, Calif., outscored Marty Capasso, 214, Chester, Pa. Capasso came on strong in the late rounds, but it just wasn't enough.

Vic Valentino, 174, Vineland, outpointed Leon McDonald, 174½, Deerfield Beach, to win the Florida State light heavy title, 12.

Mike Perkins, local favorite halted Dennis Whitfield, Sarasota, with three knockdowns in 2:07 of the first round in a scheduled six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

"Two-Ton" Tony Velesco, 233, Tampa, stopped Kenny Ring, 203, Tamarac, at 2:07 of the first.

Promoters—Ted Menas and Ernie Letiziano.

Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.

Attendance—1,253. (04-09-83)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

### INDIANA

**▲INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club**—A SRO crowd saw world ranked Gary Guiden, 158, Muncie, Indiana, TKO Danny Miller, 155, Minneapolis, Minn., at 1:05 of round three. This was a tune-up fight for Guiden, who is scheduled to clash with Frank (The Animal) Fletcher in a few weeks.

Mike Pollitt, 156, New Lisbon, Indiana, and Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 154, Neola, Iowa, drew in an action packed six.

Tough Rudy Fuentes, 139, Milwaukee, TKO'd Gary Brown, 141, Indianapolis, at 2:56 of the fifth and final round.

Four rounders: Impressive looking Johnny Franco, 127, Omaha, outscored Jeff Hanna, 125, Terre Haute, Ind. Kenny Jackson, 135, Indianapolis, outpointed Floyd Buckley, 133, Anderson, Ind. Mark Wickliff, 196, Indianapolis, and Lewis

Papen, 188, Grand Island, Neb., drew. Jack Cole, 154, Muncie, made his pro debut by scoring a TKO over Billy Evans, 156, Red Lake, Minn., at 1:58 of the second. Mike Munchin, 147, Philadelphia, TKO'd Billy Doyle, 147, Davenport, Iowa, at 1:30 of the opening session.

Very good club show.

Promoters—Marty Waigand and Fred Berns in association with Slim Productions.

Matchmaker—Pete Susens.

Attendance—550 (est.).

(04-12-83)

GARY L. MERRITT

## LOUISIANA

▲**NEW ORLEANS—St. Bernard Civic Arena**—In what was considered a mild upset, New Orleanian Jerome Clouden became the new Southern light heavyweight champion by winning a 12-round split decision over world ranked Jerry Celestine. Clouden used effective jabbing and counterpunching to build an early lead. Both judges, Lucien Joubert and Maxie Docusen, scored the fight 7-4-1 for Clouden, while referee Charlie Joseph saw it 7-5 for Celestine.

The 20-year-old Clouden boosted his record to 17-1. Celestine, who less than a year ago faced Michael Spinks in a WBA title bout, dropped to 28-9.

Tony Powell, 159, New Orleans stopped Zover Barajas, 166, Harlington, Tex. at 0:35 of the third in a scheduled eight.

William Clayton, 144, New Orleans TKO'd Alfonson Stevenson, 150, Pierre Parte, La. at 1:45 of the second in a scheduled six.

Bill Thomas, 229, New Orleans stopped John Cannon, 198, Slidel, La. in round five of a scheduled six. Thomas is now 8-2. Cannon is 7-2.

Gerald Williams, 159, New Orleans, outpointed Joe Louis Goodman, 162, Gulfport, Miss., six. Williams, a registered pharmacist, is now 4-0.

Four rounders: Jo Jo Medina, White Castle, La., stopped Burt Anderson, Lafitte, La., at 0:31 of the third, junior welters. Milton Lowe, Gretna, La., outpointed Gene Saia, New Orleans, light heavies.

Referees—Charlie Joseph, Maxie Docusen.

Attendance—1,000 (est.)

(04- -83)

STEPHEN J. DeFELICE

## MAINE

▲**PORTLAND—Portland Expo**—Jesse Crown retained his Maine State heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Andy Russell, Portland, 12.

Rick Craney, Bath, won the Maine State welterweight title with a unanimous duke over Charlie (Sugar Bear) Jones, Portland.

Danny Malendez, 18-year-old Portland high school senior, made his pro debut by stopping George Butts, Portland, in the first. A lightweight, Malendez won a string of Golden Gloves titles as a simon pure, and is thought to have a promising future.

Dick Littlefield, Waterville, Maine, TKO's Kevin O'Kinley, Portland, in the second session, welters.

Donnie Preault, Portland, won a unanimous verdict over Yasin Ahmady, Portland, late of Afghanistan, four.

John LoFranco, New York, won a unanimous decision over Durtis Whitener, Lynn, Mass., six.

(03-21-83)

JONATHAN M. PIPER

## MASSACHUSETTS

▲**DORCHESTER—Freeport Hall**—Kenny Butler, the stylish Hyde Part junior middleweight, won a unanimous decision over Mike Herron, Elizabeth, N.J., eight.

Bernard Taylor, Brockton, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Miguel Rosa, Springfield, Mass., six, middles.

Juan Quintana, 190, Holyoke, Mass., won a unanimous duke over Jerry LaFlamme, 174, Fall River, Mass., four.

Ray Tate, Dover, New Hampshire, won a unanimous verdict over Santiago Corriano, Holyoke, four, featherweights.

Emilio Robago, Boston, TKO'd Eddie Villareal, Springfield, Mass., in the first round of a scheduled four-round junior welterweight encounter.

Marciel Santiago TKO'd Jose Ortiz, Lowell, Mass., in the second session, lights.

(03-17-83)

▲**WORCESTER—Centrum**—Robbie Sims, Brockton, TKO'd veteran middleweight Tony Chiaverini, Kansan City, at 2:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10-round Top-Rank/ESPN bout.

Gonsalvo Montellano, Bakersfield, Calif., lightweight, halted game but outgunned Terry Medley, Gaffney, S.C., at 2:45 of the second round in their seheduled 10.

Terry Crawley, Hyannis, Mass., won a split duke over Danny Chapman, Troy, New York, eight, middleweights.

Steve Hilyard, 141, Brockton, won a unanimous verdict over Frank Mackey, Troy, New York, six.

## UNITED STATES RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
1. Greg Page (Kentucky)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
4. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
5. Gerry Cooney (New York)
6. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
7. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
8. John Tate (Tennessee)
9. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
10. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Carlos De Leon (Puerto Rico)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. John Davis (New York)
6. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
8. Pete McIntyre (California)
9. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
10. Niva Tofaeono (California)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
1. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. James Green (New Jersey)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. James Kinchen (California)
8. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
9. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
10. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
3. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
4. Mike McCallum (New York)
5. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
6. James Green (New Jersey)
7. Fred Hutchings (California)
8. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
9. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
10. Billy Collins (Tennessee)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
1. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
2. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
3. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
4. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
5. Pete Ranzany (California)
6. Luis Resto (New York)
7. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
8. Milton Guest (New York)
9. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
1. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
2. Saoul Mamby (New York)
3. Steve Hearon (Texas)
4. Bruce Curry (Texas)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
7. Tommy Ayres (Ohio)
8. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
9. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
10. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
1. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
2. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
3. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
4. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
5. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
6. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
7. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
8. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
9. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
10. Tyrone Crawley (Washington, D.C.)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
1. Hector Camacho (New York)
2. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
3. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
4. Johnny De La Rosa (Florida)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
7. Hector Cortes (California)
8. Refugio Rojas (California)
9. Tony Santana (New York)
10. Tyrone Jackson (New York)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Jose Caba (California)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
5. Ruben Castillo (California)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
9. Paul DeVorce (New York)
10. Gino Gelormino (New York)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Mike Ayala (New York)
3. Carmelo Negron (New York)
4. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
7. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
8. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
9. Jose Lopez (California)
10. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Harold Petty (Texas)
6. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
9. Johnny Carter
10. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Alonso Gonzales (California)
2. Felix Castillo (Texas)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
5. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
6. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
7. Ian Clyde (California)
8. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
9. Ramon Perez (Puerto Rico)
10. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)

Edwin Curet, 134, Brockton, TKO'd Jamie Rodriguez, Lowell, in the second.

Jack Cicero, 190, Worcester, stopped Joh Ortiz, 187, Brooklyn, at 2:12 of the first round.

(03-23-83)

▲**NOTES**—Anthony (Sheik) Consalvi, Sr., 76, of Revere, Mass., former manager of Sal Bartolo, the NBA featherweight champ, died March 15 after a brief illness. He had owned a bar in East Boston for more than 40 years and was a prominent member of Ring #4, Veteran Boxers Association.

JONATHAN M. PIPER

## MICHIGAN

▲**BATTLE CREEK—Hank's Hideaway**—A seven bout card was put on by Professional Management Enterprises Inc. for the Battle Creek boxing fans.

Muskegon's Ralph Twining, 149, TKO'd Wendell Rutledge, 147½, Chicago, in the opening round to raise his record to 23-6.

Curtis Issac, Grand Rapids, improved his record to 8-2 with a six-round decision over Chuck Warfield, Chicago.

K.P. Porter of Kalamazoo fought to a six-round draw with Robert Obey, Chicago. Porter is now 1-0-1.

Terry Holmes, 160, Kalamazoo, stopped Robert Jones, 174, Galesburg, Illinois, in the opening canto to raise his record to 8-0.

A light leavyweight contest had Battle Creek's Kenny Wright, 171, move his record to 1-1 with a four-round decision over Arnet Churn, Chicago.

Harold France, 149½, E. Chicago, won a four-round decision over Brian Sumner, 148½, Kalamazoo. Sumner dropped to 2-1.

Alan Brown, 133½, Chicago stopped Robert De Anda, 129¾, Kalamazoo, in the third stanza to spoil his pro debut.

Promoter—Henry Grooms.

Judges—C. Wotring, G. Harris.

Referee—Max Harnish.

(02-04-83)

▲**GRAND RAPIDS—Stadium Arena**—On a card that was half boxing and kickboxing, there were four boxing contests. Headlining the boxing section was Floyd Mayweather, who raised his record to 25-3-2 with a three round knockout over Greg Netter, 146½, Columbus, Ohio. Mayweather, 150, Grand Rapids, wants to return to his previous prominence, but has to fight a decent opponent first.

Ronnie Byrd, 126, Flint, moved his record to 3-0 with a TKO stoppage of Cedric Mitchell, 123, Columbus, in the second round.

Grand Rapids lightweight John Boggiano, 136, turned in a disappointing performance while scoring a six-round decision over the often kayoed Chico Rodrigues, 138, Columbus. Boggiano is now 7-1.

In a cruiser contest, Leonard Brandon, 192, Flint, picked up his first win as he decisioned Herman (Truck) Turner, 182, California, four, to bring his record to 1-3.

Promoter—Frank Valenzano.

Judges—C. Mason, J. Richards, M. Joyce.
Referee—Max Harnish.
(02-19-83)

**▲BAY CITY—Central High School—**Ardore Ltd. and Central High School Booster Club put on a six-bout boxing card before a near sellout crowd. It is too bad that the fans couldn't have seen a better calibre of boxing. The home town fighters were good, but the opponents left much to be desired.

Headlining the card was Bay City middleweight Murray Sutherland, 162, who pounded out a one-sided victory over Chicago veteran Johnny Heard, 161, stopping him at 2:55 of the fifth round. Sutherland dropped Heard twice in the fifth as he improved his record to 39-8-1.

Monte Oswald, 155, Bay City, made it 8-0 with a third round KO over Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 154, Omaha.

The newest member of Art Dore's boxing stable, "Irish" Joe Riley, 162, Norfolk, won a close one over Lamont Hopkins, 161, Flint, six.

Two embarrassing heavyweight bouts had David Jaco, 215, Bay City get up from being decked by a left hook to drop Jeff Burg, 221, Dayton, at 2:23 of the opening round with two pitterpat blows that could have sent waves over the front row fans.

In his pro debut, Raymond (Good News) Bridges, 214, Flint, seldom threw any punches in a four-round contest, but was still awarded the win amongst a chorus of boos over Leonard Brandon, 211, Flint, who had been stopped in Detroit only eight days earlier.

Bay City southpaw Glen Smith, 147, stopped Robert Hughes, 147, Aurora, Illinois, at 1:53 of the third canto.

Promoter—Art Dore. Judges—O. Rodrigues, Chantacka, Ed Schmidt.
Referee—Howie Fobberg.
Attendance—2,500.
(03-05-83)

DAVE HARTOON

## NEW JERSEY

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**"Irish" Billy Collins won the vacant ESPN junior middleweight title on St. Patty's Day eve, stopping Steve (Rattlesnake) Johnson with a first-round blastout. It was fast and furious while it lasted. Both men traded bombs and were shaken in the opening moments. Collins, 154, Nashville, recovered first and pounded Johnson, 150½, Phoenix, into the canvas with a flurry of punches. "Rattlesnake" staggered up, but was rescued by referee Paul Venti at the 2:15 mark. He was out on his feet.

For Collins, now 13-0 with 10 kayoes, the victory was the first step towards national prominence. For Johnson, now 11-1 with nine kayoes, it's back to the Arizona club circuit.

Although Collins won with relative ease, he once more proved vulnerable to blows to the head. As he moves up in class, this could lead to disaster.

In the co-feature, it was "Irish" Sean Mannion's turn to come up smelling like a shamrock. He scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Dennis Horne by scores of 9-1 and 8-2 (twice). The bout was as monotonous as the scoring indicates. Mannion, 153¼, Boston, was too slick for Horne, 153¾, Oklahoma City, and boxed well out of his lefthanded stance to win with ease. The victory lifted Sean's record to 26-5-1 (nine kayoes), while Horne fell to 26-6 (17 kayoes). Joe O'Neill, referee.

The Irish didn't win every contest. Alonzo Cutchings, 160, Charlottesville, Va., upset previously unbeaten "Irish" Danny Cronin, 162½, Boston, scoring a TKO, at 1:36 of the sixth and final round. Cronin just couldn't seem to keep his face out of Cutchings' gloves. Referee, O'Neill.

Gary Gamble, 133, Indianapolis, won a split decision over Larry McKeever, 133¾, Pearl River, N.Y., six. Referee, O'Neill.

Harold Brazier, 139¼, South Bend, Indiana, scored a unanimous decision over Cesar Guzman, 141¼, Paterson, N.J., six. Referee, Venti.

Charles Britt, 147, Syracuse, N.Y., and Anthony Jones, 151¼, Charlottesville, Va., drew, four. Referee, Venti.

Judges—Phil Newman, Richard F. Murry, Eva Shain.
(03-16-83)

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Undefeated welterweight prospect Simon (Mantequilla) Brown continued to impress, scoring a third round TKO over Tom Moody. Brown, 146, Washington, D.C., softened Moody up with a two-handed body attack and then put him away with a thunderous right to the head. Moody, who had shown plenty of fight until the final blow struck, went down like he'd been shot. He somehow managed to stagger to his feet before the count of 10, but was wisely rescued by referee Joe Cortex at the 2:17 mark. The bout had been scheduled for 10.

Brown, now 13-0 with 11 kayoes, absorbed a number of hard rights to the head from Moody, showing that he can take it as well as dish it out. Moody, 146½, Columbus, Ohio, came to fight, but fell victim to one of the hardest right hands we've seen recently.

It must have been the night for spectacular rights, because Mike Tinley starched McCarroll Frazier with another beauty in the scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Tinley, 157¾, Camden, N.J., was returnind to action following a lay-off, and seemed a bit rusty at first. Then, in the fifth, he produced a dilly of a right that put Frazier, 157½, Hilton Head, S.C., down and out—cold. Referee Ted Pick didn't even bother to count. Tinley is now 11-1-1 with six kayoes.

Robert Hill, 197½, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over Jim Leming, 180½, Howell, N.J., six. Referee, Pick.

Arthur Hall, 174, Irvington, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Mike Richardson, 171¾, Dayton, Ohio, six. Referee, Cortez.

Ricardo Peterson, 219½, Phila., TKO'd pitiful Bob Quarry, 203¼, Los Angeles, at the end of the second. Quarry (the brother of Jerry and Mike) is now 5-3-1 (four kayoes) and slipping Fast Referee, Cortez.

Jerome Butler, 159½, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Carl Dixon, 156½, Phila., with two knockdowns in just 0:48 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee, Pick.

Judges—Francis Walker, Larry Wallace, Al DeVito.
(03-25-83)

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**NBC-TV served their Saturday afternoon audience a double portion of boxing featuring heros Pinklon Thomas and Alex Ramos against decent, stand-up opposition. Heavyweight Thomas gave added credence to the old boxing cliche that a good big man will always beat a good little man, scoring a TKO over Alfonzo Ratliff at 2:36 of the 10th and final round. In the co-feature, Ramos returned to the win column with a unanimous 10-round decision over Mark Frazie.

Thomas, coming off an impressive draw with Gerrie Coetzee, worked hard to put Ratliff away. He stalked his man throughout, jabbing (and thumbing) well enough to open cuts around both of Alfonzo's eyes.

Ratliff backed away for most of the fight, but gamely stood and traded on a couple of occasions, providing the only really exciting moments of the bout. In the sixth, he caught Pinklon with several clean rights to the head and continued to exchange shots over the next two rounds. The trouble was that, at 194¼—to Thomas' 211½—he just didn't have enough behind his punches to do much damage.

Referee Frank Cappuccino took the seventh round away from Thomas for thumbing. It made no difference, however, as a last-round attack by Pinklon made arithmetic academic.

After jabbing Alfonzo silly the first half of the 10th, Thomas brought over a flush right to the jaw that sent Ratliff crashing into the ropes. Then Pinklon made the mistake of turning away before his adversary hit the floor. As time was running out, the error almost cost him a knockout. Ratliff bounced off the ropes, but remained on his feet. Cappuccino waved Thomas back in and after a few more punches landed, he wisely called a halt. The loser was in deep trouble and defenseless.

Thomas, now 21-0-1 (18 kayoes) continued his drive towards a crack at the heavyweight crown and also offered Ratliff (16-2, 11 kayoes) a little advice.

"Alfonzo is a good fighter, but he should stay in the cruiserweights." Sounds like a good idea to us, too.

Ramos, coming off a knockout loss to Teddy Sanders and a draw with Tony Cerda, needed a win to restore some of the lustre to his tarnished star. He seemed in top shape for the first time in recent memory and hustled all the way the take the nod by scores of 8-2, 7-2-1, and 6-3-1.

Frazie, 158¼, Huntington, W. Va., spent too much time looking for the big punch and allowed Ramos to take the play away. A left hook to the chin dumped Mark in the ninth for the only knockdown of the fight. He beat the count and managed to survive Alex's efforts to finish him off.

The victory pushed Ramos' record to 16-1-1 (10 kayoes), while Frazie slipped to 21-2 with 12 kayoes. Ramos weighed 158½. The referee was Tony Perez.

In the top prelim, Tony (Sonny T) Coster, 204¾, Cleveland, huffed and puffed his way to a unanimous decision over reluctant Mel Daniels, 191, Norfolk, Va., eight. Referee, Perez.

Victor (Flash) Gordon, 140¼, Hillside, N.J., TKO'd Ed Sylvain, 143, New York, at 2:56 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Referee, Perez.

Pat Prico, 152, Madison, N.J., scored a unanimous decision over Ron Sulem, 154, Troy, N.Y., six. Referee, Perez.

Boone Pultz, 192¼, Clifton, N.J., TKO'd Tom Bennett, 189, Rochester, N.Y., at 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee, Cappuccino.

Antonio Nieves, 128¼, Paterson, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Alberto Ramos, 125, New York, four. Referee, Cappuccino.

Judges—Bill Kostrub, Harold Lederman, Tommy Kaczmarek.
Promoter—Main Event Productions, Inc.
(03-26-83)

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**Joe Manley, 138¼, Atlantic City, looked sluggish scoring a 10-round unanimous decision over Thomas Baker, 138, Washington, D.C., by scores of 7-3, 6-3-1, and 5-4-1.

"I felt flat from beginning to end," said Manley, now 10-1 (four kayoes). "I trained real hard for this fight, but couldn't get going. The guy wasn't that good; I should have knocked him out in three."

Needless to say, Baker didn't agree with Manley's assessment, saying, "I took the bout on 48 hours notice and I beat the boy. I controlled the tempo, I pressed the attack. I beat him on pure guts and determination."

Sorry to say, the post-fight rhetoric was much livelier than the fight. Referee, Joe Cortez.

In the co-feature, Mark McPherson, 156½, Hempstead, N.Y., won a unanimous 10-round decision over Jeff McCracken, 157¾, Sand Point, Idaho, by scores of 6-4 and 7-2-1 (twice).

McCracken, making his first start since losing to Tommy Hearns, walked into punches all night and got his face busted up for his trouble. McPherson was in control practically all the way. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Osley Silas, 159¾, Suitland, Md., won a unanimous six-round nod over Iran Barkley, 157¾, Bronx, to snap Barkley's modest unbeaten streak. Referee, Battle.

Pedro Alindato, 116¼, Tko'd Anibal Ortiz, 120¼, Brooklyn, at 1:43 of the second round in a scheduled six. The winner hails from Paterson, N.J. Referee, Battle.

Wesley Shuler, 144, Syracuse, N.Y., TKO'd Raphael Ortiz, 148, New York, at 2:52 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee, Battle.

Bruce Starling, 160½, Elizabeth, N.J., kayoed Don Franklin, 159½, Washington, D.C., in 3:01 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Cortez.

The card was televised live over the ESPN cable.

Judges—Richard F.Murry, Frank Brunette, Phil Newman.
Top Rank, Inc.
(03-31-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

**▲MARLBORO—Skate Way 9 Sports Arena—**What New Jersey needs is more pro boxing, right? Well, this central Jersey locale got in on the act with a six-bout card highlighted by the invasion of three Emanuel Steward boxers out of Detroit.

In the main bout, scheduled for eight, Kronk's Brett Summers, 136¾, TKO-5 (1:45) Angelo Williams, 131¼, Jersey City. Williams, though the owner of a losing record, was a gamer all the way and never went down. But the ref saw enough and jumped in with Angelo on the ropes and covering up. The hard working (no big puncher he) southpaw, Brett, became 8-0, six kayoes. The crowd booed the decision of ref Vinnie Rainone.

Two six-rounders preceded the main go:

Tim Richardson, 160, Trenton (now 3-02, one kayo) TKO-2 (not out for third) local hero Mark (Rocky) Labos, 158½, New Brunswick. Tim possessed quick counters and uppercuts in whacking the face-first Labos with those couldn't miss shots. Amazingly, Labos never went down. His corner retired him for the night, claiming he couldn't breathe properly. Rock is now 2-1-1. The ref was Ted Pick.

In what most considered a robbery, King Starling, 163, Linden—a gent with a losing log—W-6S Nate Akbar, 155¼, Detroit (now 11-2). No knockdowns. Ref Vinnie Rainone took round one away from Akbar for low blows but nevertheless, even non-working ref Ted Pick shook his head over the call. Heck, Starling was very pacific until the fourth. Scores: Eva Shain 3-3 (26-25 in points for Starling); Ray Hoagland, 4-2, Starling; Frances Moore, 3-2-1, Akbar.

In fours: Na'eem Muhammad, 131, East Orange, W-4S Lino Perez, 130½, Jersey City. Pro debut for both; no knockdowns in this spirited encounter refereed by Ted Pick. All scores were 3-1.

Kronk's Rodney Trusel, (147, now 12-0, six kayoes) came back after a 15-month lay-off and scored a TKO-2 (1:23) over Alfredo (Chino) Rivera, 142¼, Trenton, now 0-2. Rivera tried valiantly in round one with wild left hooks but was quickly outclassed. Why did the commission sanction this one? No knockdowns; referee was Vinnie Rainone.

Elijah Muhammad, 128, Neward (now 4-0-1, one kayo) drew with debuting southpaw Larry Highsmith, 128, Trenton. No knockdowns; ref, Ted Pick. A good action bout that looked to belong slightly to Muhammad. Scores: 3-1, Muhammad; 2-2 and 2-1-1, Highsmith.

Qasim Akbar under the banner of Express Professional Sports, Inc. Akbar was also the matchmaker of record.
Timekeeper: Sammy Smith
Announcer: Dennis Miller
Attendance—550 (est.)
(04-07-83)

JACK OBERMAYER

## NEW YORK

**▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Veteran Washington, D.C. middleweight Mike Baker was expected to use the ring smarts that only experience can give to provide the first real test for undefeated young hotshot Kevin Moley. For five rounds, Baker counterpunched and outboxed the inexperienced local, but in the sixth round the "ringwise" veteran "did something stupid" by his own assessment. Moley took full advantage, bringing the partisan St. Patrick's Day crowd to its feet as he stopped Baker with a flurry of punches.

Moley, who had brought along a cheering throng from his home town of Selden, Long Island jabbed well in the opening round and bloodied the nose of the slower Baker. But Baker began countering with his right in the following rounds and seemed to be building up a lead. Moley, who weighed the same as Baker, 160, was shaken by a right cross a minute into round six, but came back seconds later with a good left hook that staggered Baker. The veteran responded by dropping his hands in a macho gesture and Moley ripped into him smartly with a left-right combination that snapped back Baker's head. Referee Herb Kronowitz stepped in and halted the fight.

"I got hit and I did something stupid," a disappointed Baker said afterward. "I stuck my head out and dropped my hands, it's a dumb habit I picked up. I thought they stopped it a little quick."

Moley, too, thought that the fight had been stopped too quickly, but was glad to have pulled out the win. "He should have gotten a standing eight-count," said Moley. This was the first boxing show under New York's new rules: standing eight counts where appropriate, and scoring by three judges without the referee. Before the stoppage, judge Simon Ramos had Moley leading 3-2, Tony Castellano had Baker ahead by 3-2, and Peter Heller had Baker up 5-0. Moley's manager, Paddy Flood fumed about Heller's scorecard. "What the hell is he doing judging a main event?" asked Flood. "Peter Heller wrote a book (*In This Corner*) and that makes him a judge. And for a main event? It's disgraceful!"

Moley raised his perfect record to 13-0 — all kayoes. Baker dropped to 47-12-1.

Dwight "Tiger" Walker, 160, Newark, N.J. used his vastly superior strength and a strong left hook to win all of the early and middle rounds from Jeff Stoudemire, also 160, Los Angeles. Walker seemed totally shot by the last round, but Stoudemire's right hand bombs had the curious effect of waking him up. Both were staggering and punching at the final bell. Castellano called the fight even at 5-5, but Heller and Ramos called Walker a big winner at 7-3 and 7-2-1, respectively. Walker is now 14-2-1 (six kayoes) and "Showtime" suffered his second loss against nine victories. Harold Valan refereed.

Undefeated Vincent Christian, 122½, Philadelphia totally dominated Hector Sanchez, 123, Rio Piedras, P.R., in a battle of two southpaws. Christian dropped Sanchez with a left cross in the second round, and except for a brief respite in round six, continued to pound him before dropping him once more with another left cross in round seven. Sanchez made it up at five, but referee Kronowitz halted the bout at 2:48.

Pedro Villela, 145, The Bronx, stopped Felix Pintor, 148½, Catano, P.R. after the ninth round in the walk-out bout. Harold Valan refereed. Pedro raised his record to 12-0-1 (five kayoes) and Pintor dropped to 16-8-3.

There were three four-rounders on the card, all refereed by Charlie Haliano: Caesar Castro, 130, threw a shutout against Elias Martinez, 131 in an all-New York battle. Anthony Holt, 162, Brooklyn, dropped New York's Hannibal Saleem (Tony Watkins), 163, at the end of the third round, Hannibal didn't come out for the fourth. Jimmy Artis, 148; Harlem, knocked out Jose Marquez, 147, Puerto Rico, with a left hook in the fourth. Marquez seemed

to be making his way up, but referee Italiano tripped him inadvertently and proceeded to count him out at 2:29.
Attendance—1,031.
(03-17-83)

BEN SHARAV

**▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Matchmaker Harold Weston, who has mercifully shortened his hitherto marathon cards, presented an all-heavyweight program, and saw one of the Garden's main house fighters kayoed by a classic lucky punch.

Southpaw Clarence Hill, 220, New Rochelle, New York, was beating Walter Santemore, 225, New Orleans, as he pleased until the latter brought a right hand off the floor that knocked him silly. Another right knocked Clarence down. He got up, but Santemore pummelled him into a corner and referee John LoBianco stepped in at the 2:44 mark. Santemore is now 21-11 with eight kayoes. Hill is 14-2 with 12 kayoes.

Eddie Gregg, 210, Kew Gardens, New York, TKO'd Willie (Dynamite) Albritton, 205, Jackson, Miss., at 2:17 of the third session in their scheduled 10. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. Gregg is now 15-0-1 with 14 knockouts. Albritton is a reputed 11-5 with five kayoes.

Carlton Elijah Tillery, 190, Albany, New York, TKO'd Lou Alexander, 235, Buffalo, New York, at 1:24 of the first round in another scheduled 10. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Former All-Service champion Woody Clark, 202, Fayetteville, North Carolina, won a split decision over Robert Lee Evans, eight, in the only legitimate match-up of the night. Scoring: judge Eva Shain, 5-3, Clark; judge Leo Dazzo, 5-3, Evans; judge Victor Suarez, 5-2-1, Clark. John LoBianco, referee.

Steve Floch, 230, Staten Island, New York, won a unanimous decision over Roger Troupe, 209, Buffalo, six. Scoring: judges Shain and Dazzo, both 6-0; judge Suarez, 5-1, giving the second round to Troup. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Comedy was in the air in the scheduled four-round bout between Carlos Hernandez, 211, Union City, New Jersey, and Willis Ray Cowell, 280, Elizabeth, North Carolina. Cowell, who looks as wide as he is tall, went down in agony as soon as Hernandez tapped his belly. Time: 1:58 of the first round. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. (This fight should have been put on upstairs in Madison Square Garden, as part of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.)

Angel Del Villar, 204, Elmhurst, Queens, New York, won a unanimous decision over Ralph Kelly, 225, Syracuse, New York, in the opening four. Scoring: judges Shain and Dazzo, both 3-1; judge Suarez, 4-0. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(04-15-83)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

**▲SYRACUSE—War Memorial Auditorium—**The central New York boxing crowd was in deep shock as Roberto Colon, 154¼, Lawrence, Mass., TKO'd Rocky Fratto, 156, Geneva, New York, at 2:14 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

A body shot and a right to the face dropped Fratto at the one minute mark, and Colon didn't give Rocky time to clear his head when he arose. Another right and then a left knocked him off balance, as Roberto moved from the body to the head. Fratto was trapped in a neutral corner, with Colon continuing the barrage, and referee Frank Adams waved it over.

Colon, who lost to Fratto in Rochester of September 18, 1982, is now 19-5. Rocky is 27-3.

Lou Vallar, 200, Syracuse, halted Tom Romano, 255, Troy, New York, at 2:18 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Larry White, Referee. Vallar, now 7-2, is handled by John DeJohn.

Billy Sullivan, 163, Syracuse, TKO'd Larry Wilkens, 159, Schenectady, New York, in their scheduled six. Wilkens was not allowed to answer the bell for the fourth round. Larry White, referee. Sullivan is handled by Billy Eagan.

Joe Arduini, 118½, Rensellaer, New York, knocked out Joe Vanier, 115, Cohoes, New York, in 2:33 of the first round in another scheduled six.

Lloyd Richardson, 160, Buffalo, stopped Frank Murray, 164, Syracuse, at 0:49 of the second in the scheduled four-round opener. Murray was debuting as a pro.
Canastota Boxing Club.
Attendance—1,569.
(04-05-83)

## PENNSYLVANIA

**▲SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center—**Larry Davis, 172, Elizabeth, New Jersey, won a split decision over Mike Addesa, 172, Old Forge, Pa., eight. Scoring: referee Buddy Rush, 38-36, Addesa; judge Andy Mihal, 38-36, Davis; judge Chris Kirias, 38-34, Davis. It was the Jersey fighter's seventh win in 12 bouts. Addesa is 14-2.

Matt O'Malley, 134, West Scranton, TKO'd Jimmy Giambelluca, 136, Buffalo, New York, in a scheulded six-rounder. A possibly broken right hand did not allow Giambelluca out for the last round.

Lee White, 138, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., won a majority duke over Billy Smith, 141, Boston, Mass., six. Scoring: referee Jon McHale, 28-28; judge Kirias, 29-25; judge Mihal, 28-27.

Ralph Smiley, 165, Ithaca, New York, halted Isiah Barna, 165, Easton, Pa., at 1:53 of the third round in a scheduled four. Barna was down twice.

Hector Jaiman, 154, Boston, Mass., knocked out Teddy Jones, Reading, Pa., in 2:34 of round one in their scheduled four. Right hands to the head put Jones away.

Hector Bordeaune, 171, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, won a unanimous decision over Ron McCarthy, 175, Easton, Pa., four. Bordeaune's infighting piled up the points.

This was a benefit card, staged for the Chic Feldman Foundation. World heavyweight champion Larry Holmes was in attendance.

Attendance—1,518. Gross—$11,686.
(03-11-83)

JIM LEO

# LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
1. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
2. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
3. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
4. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
5. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
6. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
7. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
8. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
9. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
10. Hector Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)
11. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
12. Abraham Meneses (Mexico)
13. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
14. Juan Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
15. Jose Luis Gonzalez (Mexico)
16. Candido Barrera (Argentina)
17. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
18. Hugo Ruffino (Argentina)
19. Aldo Montes (Mexico)
20. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
1. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
2. Jose Maria Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
3. Miguel Cea (Chile)
4. Pablo Ramos (Puerto Rico)
5. Pedro Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
6. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
7. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
8. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
9. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
10. Lorenzo Benitez (Mexico)
11. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
12. David Cabrera (Mexico)
13. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)
14. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
15. Leonardo Rogers (Dominican Rep.)
16. Juan Carlos Fernandez (Argentina)
17. Angel Salinas (Argentina)
18. Juan Portela (Argentina)
19. Ramon Ronquillo (Mexico)
20. Luis Mora (Ecuador)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
1. Juan Domingo Roldan (Argentina)
2. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
3. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
4. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
5. Norberto Sabater (Puerto Rico)
6. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
7. Andres Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Manuel Melon (Puerto Rico)
9. Antonio Leyva (Mexico)
10. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
11. Abel Cordoba (Mexico)
12. Angel Caro (Argentina)
13. Luis Peralta (Argentina)
14. Juan Carlos Peralta (Arg.)
15. Sigfredo Colorado (Colombia)
16. Jose Mireles (Mexico)
17. Miguel Maldonado (Argentina)
18. Jose Vega (Argentina)
19. Rafael Cornoa (Mexico)
20. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Roberto Duran (Panama)
3. Francisco de Jesus (Brazil)
4. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Arg.)
5. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
6. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
7. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
8. Jorge Medina (Argentina)
9. Ricardo Carballo (Argentina)
10. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)
11. Walter Gomez (Argentina)
12. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
13. Jose Santana (Puerto Rico)
14. Luis Bazan (Argentina)
15. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
16. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
17. Inocencio (Mao) de la Rosa (D.R.)
18. Rafael Donado (Colombia)
19. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
20. Jose Vallejo (Dominican Republic)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
1. Elio Omar Diaz (Venezuela)
2. Mauricio Bravo (Venezuela)
3. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
4. Pipino Cuevas (Mexico)
5. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
6. Hugo Quartapelle (Argentina)
7. Fernando Castro (Peru)
8. Jose Joaquin Baret (Dominocan Rep.)
9. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
10. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
11. Luis Suarez (Argentina)
12. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
13. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
14. Carlos Prieto (Argentina)
15. Felipe Vaca (Mexico)
16. Osmar Ochoa (Argentina)
17. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
18. Rafael Nunez (Mexico)
19. Leonardo Bermudez (Mexico)
20. Manuel Jimenez (Puerto Rico)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
1. Alexis Arguello (Nicaragua)
2. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
3. Adriano (Nani) Marrero (D.R.)
4. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)
5. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
6. Guillermo Fernandez (Venezuela)
7. Antonio Cervantes (Colombia)
8. Juan Jose Gimenez (Argentina)
9. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
10. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Republic)
11. Ruben Verdun (Argentina)
12. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Rep.)
13. Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
14. Agustin Caballero (Panama)
15. Hugo Luero (Argentina)
16. Jose Angulo (Colombia)
17. Martin Rojas (Colombia)
18. Villaney Ruiz (Costa Rica)
19. Jesus Nava (Venezuela)
20. Alfredo Estrada (Peru)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Orlando Romero (Peru)
4. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
5. Juan Arroyo (Puerto Rico)
6. Pedro Laza (Cuba)
7. Ildemar Paisan (Venezuela)
8. Ernesto Espana (Venezuela)
9. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
10. Ezequiel Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
11. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
12. Cayetano Correa (Mexico)
13. Rudy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
14. Jose Luis Castillo (Mexico)
15. Vicente Saldivar Mijares (Mexico)
16. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
17. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
18. Efrain Nieves (Puerto Rico)
19. Ramon Cotua (Venezuela)
20. Julio Ruiz (Panama)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
1. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
2. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
3. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
4. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
5. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
6. Oscar Arnal (Venezuela)
7. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. Eduardo Prieto (Chile)
9. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
10. Jose Vidal (Dominican Republic)
11. Carlpos Pinango (Venezuela)
12. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
13. Gustabo de la Cruz (Domonican Rep.)
14. Ildefonso Bethelmy (Venezuela)
15. Carlos Olivera (Argentina)
16. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
17. Pedro Miranda (Chile)
18. Wilson Arias (Colombia)
19. Juan Manriquez Garrido (Chile)
20. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
1. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
2. Angel Levy Mayor (Venezuela)
3. Hector Cortez (Ecuador)
4. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
5. Ferando Sosa (Argentina)
6. Jose Caba (Dominican Republic)
7. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
8. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
9. Victor Torres (Peru)
10. Juvenal Lorca Ordenes (Chile)
11. Idabeh Rojas (Colombia)
12. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
13. Juan Malvares (Argentina)
14. Pascual Patterson (Panama)
15. Juan Paredes (Mexico)
16. Martin Castro (Mexico)
17. Reyes Gonzalez (Mexico)
18. Miguel Angel Alvarez (Mexico)
19. Guillermo Morales (Mexico)
20. Jose Jimenez (Dominican Republic)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
1. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
2. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
3. Sergio Palma (Argentina)
4. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
7. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
8. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
9. Eduardo Chavez (Argentina)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
11. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
12. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
13. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
14. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
15. Carmelo Negron (Puerto Rico)
16. Juan Araneda Bazan (Chile)
17. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
18. Bernardino Pinango (Venezuela)
19. Jefferson Gomez (Colombia)
20. Marcelo Beckford (Panama)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
1. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
2. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
4. Francisco (Kiko) Bejines (Mexico)
5. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
6. Benito Badilla (Chile)
7. Luis Gerez (Argentina)
8. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
9. Jose Rufino Narvaez (Arg.)
10. Miguel Mriarte (Panama)
11. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
12. Leonardo Valdez (Mexico)
13. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
14. Ruben Dario Palacio (Colombia)
15. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
16. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
17. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
18. Santiago Caballero (Venezuela)
19. Miguel Maturana (Columbia)
20. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
4. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
5. Juan Diaz (Mexico)
6. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
7. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
8. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
9. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
10. German Torres (Mexico)
11. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
12. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
13. Ramon Antonio Nery (Dominican Rep.)
14. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
15. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
16. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
17. Ernesto (Che) Guevara (Mexico)
18. Jose Gallegos (Mexico)
19. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
20. Pedro Flores (Mexico)

SOUTH AMERICA

## COLOMBIA

**▲SANTA MARTA—**Agustin Higirio, Santa Marta, won the Colombian flyweight crown by knocking out Virgilio Palomo, Monteria, with a right in the fifth round. Palomo was taken to a hospital after the bout.

Libardo Barrios, Santa Marta, kayoed Enrique Roman, Cartagena, in the second, junior welters.

Carlos Vega, Santa Marta, outscored Henry Torres, Barranquilla, super bantams.

Marcos Segovia, Santa Marta, outpointed Luis Escamilla, Cartagena, 10 rounds, lights.

Juan Polo, Santa Marta, knocked out Jose Matias, Cartagena, in the first round, middleweights.

Jose Iriarte, Cartagena, kayoed Carlos Sanchez, Santa Marta, in the third round, flyweights. (03-04-83)

▲**BARRANQUILLA—Humberto Perea Coliseum**—This club show was called the night of "Little Stars."

Albeiro Arboleda, Medellin, outpointed Rosenberg Miranda, six, super bantams.

Wilmer Medina, Medellin, TKO'd Alcides Hernandez, Barranquilla, in the second session, lights.

Rodolfo Blanco outscored Manuel Ariza, Barranquilla, four rounds, flyweights.

Gustavo Castrillon, Jr., Medellin, and Santander Vargas, San Onofre, drew, six, junior welters.

Moises Fuentes, Chimichagua, won a split decision over Jorge Acosta, four rounds, bantams.

Jose Bermudez, Barranquilla, outscored Remberto Rada, four rounds, junior welters. (03-11-83)

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## VENEZUELA

▲**CARACAS—Gimoasio Leopoldo Marquez (El Poliedrito)**—Jovito Rengifo, 119½, Yaracuy, Venezuela, easily outpointed Siony Carupo, 120, Philippines, in the ten round main event. Both boxers had previously challenged unsuccessfully for WBC titles—Rengifo being stopped by Rafael Orono in 1980 in a junior bantamweight bout and by Lupe Pintor in a bantamweight contest in 1981. Carupo lost a 15-round decision to then WBC junior flyweight champion Sung-Jun Kim in a 1979 bout. Carupo is a short, stocky, balding southpaw and a colorful character who boxed in a crouch most of the night, but every so oftern would rise up and do the "Siony Shuffle"—a Filipino version of the Ali shuffle. He started most rounds by touching gloves, spent a good part of the night pulling up his trunks and occasionally mugged to the crowd. Rengifo fought a steady, business-like fight and won handily although each of the officials scored three rounds even, making the final decision closer than it actually was. Referee Rafael Toro Lugo and judge Angel Custodio Tovar both had it 97-96 Rengifo (four to three with three even) while judge Rafael Cartaya saw it 98-95 (five to two with three even) for the winner.

The opening bout, also scheduled for ten, ended in the third. Orlando Orozco, Venezuela, 143¾, outclassed Pedro Vizcano, Dominican Republic, 146. After a close first round, Orozco opened up in the second and had Vizcano in trouble on the ropes at the round's end. Orozco then scored a knockdown in the third and referee Nicolas Ascanio stopped the bout near the end of the round. The time was not announced.

Following the main event, which was the second bout, lightweights Argenis Farias, Ciudad Guayana, Bolivar, Venezuela and Teodoro Cordero, Caracas, staged the best bout of the night. Cordero, 133, was knocked down in the second but fought back aggressively and opened a cut alongside the right eye of Farias, 132¾, in the third. Both boxers fought hard for four rounds and result could easily have been a draw but Farias, making his professional debut, was awarded the decision. The referee for this bout was the internationally well-known referee, Isidro Rodriguez.

The fourth and final bout of the evening, scheduled for four rounds was a light heavyweight bout between Felix Medina, 174¼, and Fermin Chirinos, 172¾, Falcon, Venezuela. After a quiet first round and a rough second round, Chirinos, who strongly resembles ex-WBA heavyweight champion John Tate, scored a clean knockout in the third over the multi-tattooed Medina. While the referee, Nicolas Ascanio, was counting over the fallen Medina, a fan jumped into the ring, ran across, stumbled through the ropes and went sprawling across the judge's table providing the fans with a smile on their way out after an entertaining evening of boxing.

**ODDS AND ENDS**—A fifth bout, scheduled for ten rounds between Israel Contreras and Francisco Quiroz, was cancelled when Contreras did not show up for the weigh-in . . . El Poliedrito (the little Poliedro) is the nickname for the Leopold Marquez gymnasium. It is located in a beautiful park in the outskirts of Caracas in the La Rinconada section—about a half hour's drive from downtown Caracas. On the same grounds are the Poliedro, a much larger enclosed arena and site of several world's championship bouts, and also a baseball park and bowling establishment. Nearby is LaRinconada race track . . . The seating capacity of El Poliedrito is about 3,000 on ten rows of concrete bleachers and five rows of ringside chairs. The evening's attendance was about 400 as the bouts were televised live over channel 8 with Sr. Miguel Thodde and Sr. Madrigal doing the announcing. Sr. Roberto Riveiro, one of the pioneers of Venezuelan sports television was in attendance . . . Caracas will be the site of the 1983 Pan-American Games and the padding in the ring corners advertised "Caracas 83 Pan-Americanos" . . . Leon Olivier B. and Ali Ramos were among the local newsmen covering the bouts, promoted by Rafael Cedeno.

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(03-21-83) PEDRO MENDOZA

# EUROPE

## AUSTRIA

▲**LIENZ**—Light middleweilght Ferdinand Pachler outpointed the newly arrived Australian, Pat Hailwood, six.
(03-19-83)

▲**NOTES**—The Austrian Board has lifted its lifetime ban on Marijan Benes. The ban had been placed on him for accepting a fight in Yugoslavia without his manager's permission.

Light heavyweight Tony Mundine is now based in Austria. Tony told the Austrian press that he did not want to fight in Australia again "since they gave me drugs."

## BELGIUM

▲**ZELE**—Featherweight Jean Marc Renard outpointed Andre Blanco, eight. The 25-year -old Renard is now 12-2. Welterweight Frankie De Caestecker halted Gilbert Bayens on cuts in the fourth.
(01-14-83)

▲**IXELLES**—Lightweight Francisco Rodriguez kayoed Michel Morvan in the third round.(01-28-83)

▲**GRIVEGNEE**—Unbeaten light middleweight Romain Mianzuela, Zaire, stopped Danny DeMeyere in three. The 21-year-old Mianzuela is now 9-0-1.
(01-28-83)

▲**LA LOUVIERE**—Claudio Bosia won the vacant Benelux middleweight title by outpointing Rafael Salmamone, 10.
(01-29-83)

▲**GRIVEGNEE**—Top featherweight prospect Jean Marc Renard outpointed tough Sammy Meck, eight. Renard is now 13-2. Welterweight Jean Symos halted Jo Bollue in four.
(02-04-83)

▲**BRESSOUX**—Albert Syben halted Marco Vitaglione in the second round of their Benelux heavyweight title eliminator.
(02-11-83)

▲**HULSTE**—Light heavyweight Jose Seys outpointed Eddy Vandenhouweele, six. Frankie DeCaestecker knocked out British welterweight Dennis Pryce in round four. Mick Morris evened things for Britain by stopping Hendryk Seys in round five of their light heavyweight contest.
(02-12-83)

▲**BEVEREN**—Marnix Heytens outpointed Rudy DeGruyter in a middleweight six. DeGruyter then announced his retirement.
(02-26-83)

▲**BRUSSELS—Hilton Hotel**—Jo Bollue outscored Jesus Fernandez, six, light middles.
(03-04-83)

▲**BRUSTEM**—Romain Mianzuela, Zaire, halted Jean Spengler in three. Mianzuela, the unbeaten middleweight, is now 10-0-2. Francisco Rodriguez outscored Haidar Nourredine, six, lights.

The main event saw Jean Marc Renard outpoint former Spanish champion Jose Luis Vicho, eight. Renard is now 14-2.
(03-18-83)

▲**COPENHAGEN**—John Odhiambo, Uganda, continued his drive for a shot at the WBA cruiserweight title by stopping former champ Marvin Camel in round two. The Missoula southpaw suffered a bad cut on the eyebrow that forced the doctor to intervene.
(01-28-83)

Light heavy prospect Michael Madsen stayed unbeaten with a six-round points win over Chris Lawson. Middleweight Torben Anderson outscored Dale Henderson, six. Light welter Gert Bo Jacobsen stopped Eddie Morgan in three. John Mortensen made his pro debut by knocking out Dalton Jordan in the third. Giant heavyweight Anders Eklund, Sweden, outscored Terry O'Connor, four.
(02-11-83)

## FRANCE

▲**NICE**—Abdelkader Marbi halted Bruno Dario in six, junior welters. Antoine Curti and Nihat Er drew, six, junior lights.
(01-07-83)

▲**MONTARGIS**—Nihat Er and Laurent Grimbert bumbed heads in the fourth round and Grimbert was unable to continue, junior lights.
(01-14-83)

▲**LE MANS**—Jimmy Kante outscored former Spanish featherweight champion Mariano Rodriguez, eight rounds, lights. Light welter Abdelfarid Arik outpointed Julien Segly, eight.
(01-15-83)

▲**BIARRITZ**—Spanish featherweight Vicente Macias outpointed Hadi Zitouni, six.
(01-15-83)

▲**ST. NAZAIRE**—Germain LeMaitrewon the French light middleweight title when defending champ Fred Coranson retired in round 11. The 35-year-old LeMaitre was incactive from l975 to l981, as he was then in prison. His total record is now 38-3-6. One of the losses had been against Coranson.

Welterweight Jean-Marie Touatti stopped Cor Everstein in the first round. Abdelfarid Arik outscored Jean-Pierre Moreau, six, lightweights.
(01-21-83)

▲**LYONS**—Francis Tripp outpointed Alain LeFol, eight. Tripp was to have fought Pat Cowdell for the latter's European featherweight crown on this show, but Pat retired.
(01-211-83)

▲**AUX-LE-CHATEAU**—Jamel Benmeziane knocked out Gilbert Helluin in round five. Helluin lost for the 12th time in hils last 13 bouts, and was rushed to the local hospital after the fight. He was released later.
(01-22-83)

▲**ANTIBES**—Featherweight Frank Lussi outpoited Tony Granados, Spain, eight. Miguel Cini stopped Jose Molina in four, bantams. Light welter Abdelkader Marbi outscored Josias DaSylva, Brazil, six.
(01-28-83)

▲**CREIL**—Local light middleweight Alain Marion outpointed Robert Dormoy, 10.
(01-28-83)

▲**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Michel Siracusa halted Mariano (Nani) Rodriguez, Spain, in five. Siracusa is the current French junior lightweight champ, and held the Italian title at one time.

Featherweight Nourdina Hamdani outpointed lightweight Gilles Beaurain, six.
(01-31-83)

▲**ST. ETIENNE**—Giovanni Martorina halted veteran Joel Bonnetaz, who retired at the end of round five with a fractured jaw. Martorina, a middleweight, is now 14-3.

Said Skouma, 24-year-old light middle, stopped Esperno Postl in round five.
(02-04-83)

▲**VILLENAVE D'ORNON**—Rufino Angulo, a tough light heavyweight from French Guinea, knocked out Karl Canwell in the fifth.
(02-04-83)

▲**NICE**—Light middle Helier Custos knocked out Donato Romano in round six. Welter Jean-Claude Fontana halted Franco Calligari in round six.
(02-04-83)

▲**PARIS**—Djibril Diallo halted Christian Fenouil in round four. Jose Rosemain stopped Fefe Osanna Mobana, who failed to answer the bell for round three. Justin M'Foudi halted Dominique Benkouai in six. Fabien Khodri outscored Sidi Traore, six. This was a middleweight tourney.
(02-07-83)

▲**PARIS**—French welterweight champion Gilles Elbilia kayoed Mike Blunt in the third session. The 26-year-old Gilles now has a 21-2 log.

Jean-Marie Touati halted former French welterweight champion Claude Lancastre in seven.

Light middleweight Serge Sinelnikov stopped Jean-Victor Santoncini in three.
(02-10-83)

▲**MARSEILLES**—Richard Caramanolis won the French light heavyweight title by knocking out defending champion Hocine Tafer with a body punch in the sixth round. Caramanolis is now 22-0 with 12 kayoes. Tafer is 29-3-1, but seems to have lost his appetite for the game.

Yawe Davis halted Jo Araka, who retired in round two, light heavies.

Alain Limarola outpointed Vicente Fernandez, six, bantams.
(02-10-83)

▲**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Charles Juriette retained his French lightweight crown by outpointing Aldo Di Benedetto, 12. Thils was the 30-year-old Jurietti's first defense.

Marc Ruocco outscored Zeroual, six, welters. Ruocco is the son of former French welterweight champion Alain Ruocco.
(02-11-83)

▲**ORLEANS**—Farid Gallouze halted Alain LeFol. The doctor would not let LeFol out of his corner for the third round due to a cut on his left eyelid. Feathers.
(02-11-83)

▲**NEMOURS**—Fast rising lightweight Federic Geoffroy outscored Santiago Alvarez, Chile, 10.

Light welter Mohamed Boundka outscored Nihat Er, eight.
(02-12-83)

▲**PARIS**—Semi-finals of the middleweight tourney; Jose Rosemain stopped Djibril Diallo in four. Justin M'Foudi knocked out Fabien Khodri in the fourth.
(02-14-83)

▲**WATTRELOS**—Welterweights Jo Pupella and Romain Mianzuela drew, six.
(02-19-83)

▲**ST. ARMAND-LES-EAUX**—English light welter Terry Marsh outpointed Didier Kowalski, eight.
(02-19-83)

▲**PARIS**—English welterweight Lloyd Christie outscored Said Skouma, eight. Skouma, a light middle, is now 8-1.

Stephane Ferrara outpointed veteran middleweight Johnny Heard, 10. Ferrara injured his hand in the second round.

Pierre Joly outscored Giovanni Martorina in a clash of good middleweights. Joly is now 20-2-2. Martorina is 14-3.

Tunisian welter Brahim Messaoudi outpointed Djibril Bathily, six. Messaoudi, who claims a 36-0 amateur record, is not 8-0-1 as a professional.

Museta Bingunia kayoed El Gatito in the third round, bantams.

Hard punching light middle Helier Custos kayoed Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss in the second.
(02-24-83)

▲**GRASSE**—Welter prospect Jean-Claude Fontana outscored Jose Romero, eight.

Joe Araka halted Nedza Memeti in the thilrd, light heavies.
(02-25-83)

▲**PERPIGNAN**—Dominique Delorme halted Jean-Phillipe Truchelut in the fourth round, middles.
(02-25-83)

▲**PARIS**—Jose Rosemain won the French middleweight tournament by stopping Justin M'Foudi in round five.

Quarter-finals of the light welter tourney; Jean-Baptiste Mendy outscored Yannick Blandin. Tiburce Mondelice outpointed Alain Vastine. Gillels Blandin outscored Josselin Loubli. Lexter Boucaud stopped Charles Spengler in two. All scheduled six-rounders.
(02-28-83)

▲**NICE**—Aldo Curti outscored Giovanni Chirra, eight, light middles. Hamadi Nourredine and Hassen Mebarki drew, six, feathers.
(03-04-83)

▲**CREIL**—Veteran local Alain Marion outpointed Bechir Boundka, 10, light middles. Hadi Zitouni stopped Jean-Jacques Souris, six rounds, featherweightas.
(03-05-83)

▲**TOURCOING**—Eric Seriac halted Alain Marchand in the second round, light welters.
(03-05-83)

▲**PARIS**—Semi-finals of the light welter tournament: Lexter Boucaud stopped Gilles Blandin in two. Jean-Baptiste Mendy outpointed Tiburce Mondelice, six.
(03-07-83)

▲**PETITE-SYNTHE**—Middleweight Eddy (Andre) Mongelema

narrowly outpointed welterweight Cliff Gilpin, eight. Good scrap.

Fred Coranson outscored Lloyd Christie, six, light middles. Christie was down twice in the third session, and Coranson hilt the deck in round six.

Jean-Marie Touati halted Bechir Boundka in the third frame, light middles.
(03-11-83)

▲**CLUSES**—Antoine Montero put himself in line for a shot at the European flylweight crown by battering former Italian champion Ciro DeLeva to defeat in 11 rounds. The 26-year-old southpaw is now 15-01-1. DeLeva is 12-2-1.

Light middleweight Philippe Monnin stopped Kalifa Bagoro in one.
(03-11-83)

▲**ST. ETIENNE**—Francis Tripp outpointed John Sharkey, 10. The 30-year-old Tripp, a featherweight, is now 21-4.
(03-11-83)

▲**ORLEANS**—Farid Gallouze kayoed Antonia Secci in the fourth round, feathers.
(03-12-83)

▲**GRENOBLE**—Kamel Djadda retained his French featherweight title with a draw against localite Frank Lussi, 12.
(03-12-83)

▲**DOLE**—Robert Dormoy outscored Jacques Schriecke, eight, light middles.
(03-12-83)

▲**PARIS**—Jean-Baptiste Mendy outpointed Lexter Boucaud, six, to win the French light welter tourney.
(03-14-83)

▲**NICE**—Jo Araka, Cameroon, stopped Fefe Osanna in the first, light heavies. Marc Ruocco and Jose Romero drew, six, welters. Abdelkader Marbi outscored Patrick Heitz, six, light welterweights. Thierry Guidice and Robert Forneris drew, six, junior lights.
(03-18-83)

▲**PERIGUEUX**—Jean Luc Sautreau outpointed Karim Rabbi, six. Abdel Chahboune outscored Julien Segly, six. Both bouts were semi-finals in the French lightweight tournament.

Semi-finals of the light middle tourney: Abdel Khalid outpointed Serge Sinelnikov, six. Jean-Yves Piperol outscored Maxime Abihzer, six.
(03-18-83)

▲**ST. NAZAIRE**—Giovanni Martorina stopped Michel Pagani, who threw up his hands and retired at the end of round seven, middles.

Germain LeMaitre retained his French light middleweight title with a points win over Yvon Segor, 12.
(03-19-83)

▲**VILLENAVE**—Tough French light heavy Rufino Angulo knocked out Keith Bristol in round six of a wild-and-wooly contest. Angullo almost had Bristol out in the first session, but was then outboxed and knocked down twice. A blatant butt put Bristol down later and a left hook in the sixth round finished the fight.
(03-19-83)

▲**PARIS**—Louis Acaries retained his European middleweight title by knocking out fellow Frenchman Pierre Frank Winterstein in the fourth session. Acaries floored his soft-chinned challenger three times, the last time for the full count. Too easy for Acaries, and, with Sibson and Roy Gumbs around, he's still to prove he is the best in Europe.

Yawe Davis, Zaire, flattened WBC ranked cruiser Sylvain Watbled in round five. The so-so Davis ruined Watbled's world title hopes with one southpaw left hand. It was easily the biggest shock so far in '83 in European boxing.
(03-25-83) ERIC ARMIT

## GERMANY

▲**MANHEIM**—George Butzback kayoed Curtis Jones in the third session, heavies. Jose Varela knocked out Uwe Wissenbach in the first round, middles. Rene Weller TKO'd Santiago Alvarez in two, junior welters. Dick Tiger Kathende kayoed Edip Secevic in the first round, middles. Claus Page knocked out Jurgen Gries in the first session, heavies. John Muduga TKO'd Esperno Postl in two, light middles. Harald Edel TKO'd Kurt Oerter in the second, light heavies. Jurgen Broszeit outpointed Harry Theodossiadia, four, junior welters.

Promoter—Willi Stein.

Attendanace—2,250.
(02-26-83)

▲**COLOGNE**—Werner Pelz kayoed Mick Chmilowski in the fourth round, cruisers. Erwin Heiber outscored Tony Britton, eight, light middles. Rene Weller TKO'd Charlie Nash in five, light welters. Manfred Jassmann outscored Freddie Brown, eight rounds, light heavies. Dick Tiger Kathende outpointed Agamali Yilderim, eight, middleweights. John Munduga TKO'd Joey Mack in five, welters. Andreas Prox TKO's Stephen Buttner in two, light heavies.

Promoter—Sauerland-Duff.

Attendance—1,350.
(03-04-83)

▲**WIESBADEN**—Claus Parge and Horst Lang drew, six, heavies. Jose Varela outscored Guiseppe Agate, Italy, six, middles. George Steinherr won the vacant German middleweight title by knocking out Horst Schulze in the second. Ace Rusewski, Yugoslavia, outpointed German welterweight champion Tony Habermayer, eight. Harald Edel TKO'd Gregory Marshall, Barbados, in the fourth round, heavies. Louis Pergaud, Ngatchou, Cameroon, halted Mikan Popovic, Yugoslavia, in the fourth on a cut eyebrow, light heavies. Uwe Karsches outpointed Matthias Wirth, four, light heavyweights.
(03-26-83)

▲**NOTES**—Two German ex-amateur stars, Rene Weller, lightweight, and Manfred Jassmann, light heavy, could rule Europe as professionals this year. Rene Weller was 281-22-3 in the amateur ranks, and was German champion for nine years. He won a Bronze Medal at the 1977 European Championships, a Silver at the 1979 championships, and a Bronze at the World Championships in 1978. He's undefeated in 18 bouts as a pro, and is the reigning German lightweight champion.

Manfred Jassmann was German amateur champion in 1979-80, compiling a 142-35-7 simon pure record. He's unbeaten in 17 pro bouts, and is the German light heavyweight champ.
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## EUROPEAN RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Joe Bugner (England)
2. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
6. Frank Bruno (England)
7. Neville Meade (Wales)
8. David Pearce (Wales)
9. Billy Aird (England)
10. Mary Konate (France)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Holland)
1. Richard Caramanolis (France)
2. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
3. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
4. Tom Collins (England)
5. Hocine Tafer (France)
6. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
7. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
8. Rufino Angulo (France)
9. Dennis Andries (England)
10. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Louis Acaries (France)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Roy Gumbs (England)
3. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
4. Stephane Ferrara (France)
5. Mark Kaylor (England)
6. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Jacques Chinon (France)
9. Pierre-Frank Winterstein (France)
10. Angelo LaMattina (Italy)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Herol Graham (England)
2. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
3. Germain LaMaitre (France)
4. Daniele Zappaterra (Italy)
5. Fred Coranson (France)
6. Richard Rodriguez (France)
7. Prince Rodney (England)
8. Nick Wilshire (England)
9. Brian Anderson (England)
10. Clement Tshinza (Luxembourg)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Vacant
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Hans Henrik Palm (Denmark)
4. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
5. Giles Elbilia (France)
6. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
7. Jo Kimpuani (France)
8. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
9. Perico Fernandez (Spain)
10. Pierangelo Piras (Italy)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
3. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
4. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
5. Francisco Leon (Spain)
6. Roberto Gambini (France)
7. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
8. Bruno Simili (Italy)
9. Alan Lamb (England)
10. Roberto Masini (Italy)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lucio Cusma (Italy)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Ray Cattouse (England)
3. Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
4. Rene Weller (Germany)
5. Tony Willis (England)
6. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
7. Jose A. Garcia (Spain)
8. Charles Jurietti (France)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Carlos Hernandez (France)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Lorenzo Pa;ciullo (Italy)
7. Carlos M. Rodriguez (Spain)
8. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
9. Francis Tripp (France)
10. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Vacant
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Steve Sims (Wales)
3. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
4. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
5. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
6. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
7. Kamel Djadda (France)
8. Frank Lussi (France)
9. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain
10. Philippe Martin (France)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
1. Valerio Nati (Italy)
2. Davey Larmour (Ireland)
3. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
4. John Feeney (England)
5. Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
6. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
7. Jose Antunez (Spain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
10. Carlo Raviaoli (Italy)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Keith Wallace (England)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Antoine Montero (France)
6. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
7. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
8. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
9. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)
10. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)

## ITALY

▲ **MONTEGANARO**—Kumba Kalenga outpointed Vincenzo Maiolini, six rounds, light welters.
(12-11-82)

▲**ST. VINCENT**—Nino LaRocca outscored Danny Paul, U.S.A., 10. Win number 44 for the 23-year-old LaRocca.

Middleweight Sumbu Kalambay outscored Stacey McSwain, U.S.A., eight. Kalambay, 26, is now 20-1-1 and is unbeaten in his last 19 bouts.

Former Argentine amateur star Daniele Falconi stopped Trib Perry, U.S.A., in three.

Kumba Kalenga halted Franco Caggiano in round five.
(11-26-82)

▲**PIOVE DI SACCO**—Cosimo Funto halted Gino Fred on cuts in three, light heavies.

Fausto Gennaro and Alessandro Crisafulli drew, six, light middles.
(11-26-82)

▲**GROSSETO**—Claudio Pereira, Brazil, outpointed Moktar Djelassi, Tunis, six, light middles.

Edmondo Buttiglione halted Walter Borghesi in four, middleweights.

Luigi Di Lauro and Marcello Paciucci drew, six, middles.
(11-26-82)

▲**TIRANO**— Roberto Manoni knocked out Folly Muyanga, Zaire, in the fourth round. This was Manoni's first contest in 16 months, and the 29-year-old light middleweight is now 19-3.
(11-27-82)

▲**FOGGIA**—Aldo Gesualdo outscored Fewu, six, light middles.
(11-28-82)

▲**TERAMO**—Loris Stecca retained his Italian featherweight title by halting former European champion Salvatore Melluzzo on cuts in round six. The bout was even up to then. Stecca, 22, is now 25-0-1. The 30-year-old Melluzzo is 33-6—with three losses on cuts in his last four fights. Stecca will now face Steve Sims of Wales for the vacant European title.

Santiago Alvarez, the 32-year-old Chilean, halted Richard Sake, Uganda, in the first round, junior lightweights.

Aristide Pizzo returned to the ring after 17 months, but could only draw with Malquiades DaSilva, Brazil, eight, lightweights.

Koe Kamunga, Zaire, outpointed Giusesppe Leto, eight, middles.
(12-02-82)

▲**QUARTU SANT'ELENA**—Fabio Manni won by a disqualification over Bofunga Eymono in the fourth round, feathers.

Kumba Kalenga stopped Giuseppe Ballone in five, lights.
(12-04-82)

▲**RAPALLO**—Daniele Falconi, Argentina, flattened Juan Saavedra, Spain, in the first round, heavies.

Angelo LaMattina stopped Alfredo Navieras, Spain, in six. LaMattina, a 21-year-old middleweight, is now 10-0.

Giuseppe LaVite outpointed Isidore Cabeza, Spain, junior lights. LaVite is now 17-0.

Stefano Vassallo halted Jose Centa in three, heavies.
(12-07-82)

▲**PESARO**—Sumbu Kalambay stopped Salvador Perez Ramos in two.

Former European light welterweight champion Giuseppe Martinese was held to a draw by Wa Lomani, six.

Roberto Piscotti outpointed Joe Messa, six, welters.
(12-10-82)

▲**FERRARA**—Daniele Zappaterra beat Rosario Pacileo on a fifth round disqualification to win the Italian light middleweight title, but was then arrested by the Italian police, who claim that he belongs to a right wing terrorist group. The 27-year-old southpaw is now 18-0-1, but his future may be in doubt.

Angelo Rottoli kayoed George Ajjio, Uganda, in the second, heavies.
(12-10-82)

▲**BRA**—Mokata Djelassi outscored Francesco Sanna, eight rounds, middleweights.
(12-10-82)

▲**FROSINONE**—Light middleweight Giuliano Antonucci won by a disqualification over Franco Callegari in the fifth, light middles.
(12-10-82)

▲**SASSARI**—European lightweight champion Giuseppe Gibilisco had to settle for a majority decision over Dan M'Putu, Zaire, 10. The scores were 99-97, 98-94, and 97-97. M'Putu put up a good show, but was taken ill after the bout.

Giampiero Pinna outscored Spanish veteran Mariano Garcia, eight rounds, flyweights. Garcia is 37 years old.

Constantino Piredda outpointed Antonio Franca, Brazil, six. Franco has won only two of his last 40 bouts.
(12-10-82)

# BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Joe Bugner (England)
2. Gordon Racette (Canada)
3. Neville Meade (Wales)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Billy Aird (England)
6. Frank Bruno (England)
7. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
8. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
9. Eddie Neilson (England)
10. Conroy Nelson (Canada)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
3. Mustapha Wasajja (Zambia)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
7. Tom Collins (England)
8. Don Lalonde (Canada)
9. Kid Power (Zimbabwe)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Roy Gumbs (England)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
4. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
5. Steve Dennis (Australia)
6. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
7. Mark Kaylor (England)
8. Glen McEwan (England)
9. Hunter Clay (Nigeria)
10. Jerry Reddick (Canada)

**LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
5. Jimmy Batten (England)
6. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
7. Prince Rodney (England)
8. Brian Anderson (England)
9. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
10. Nick Wilshire (England)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mark Harris (Guyana)
3. Mario Cusson (Canada)
4. Frank Ropis (Australia)
5. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
6. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
7. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
8. Cliff Gilpin (England)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Chris Clarke (Canada)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Alan Lamb (England)
7. George Peacock (England)
8. Nick Furlano (Canada)
9. Terry Marsh (England)
10. Billy Famous (Nigeria)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Ray Cattouse (England)
7. John Summerhays (Canada)
8. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
9. Gary Williams (Australia)
10. Tony Willis (England)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
2. Steve Sims (Wales)
3. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
5. Vernon Penprase (England)
6. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
7. Paul Huggins (England)
8. Clyde Ruan (England)
9. Thunder Clottey (Ghana)
10. Tony Salvatore (Canada)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Davey Larmour (Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Glenn Welahs (Australia)
8. Peter Jones (Wales)
9. Little Joe (Nigeria)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Keith Wallace (England)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Kid Sumaila (Ghana)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Bobby Williams (Australia)
10. Ducky Dennis (Australia)

The junior lightweight title is vacant. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Tiger Man (Papua), Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria), John Muwunga (Tanzania).

**▲FORO D'ISHIA**—Patrizio Oliva won the European light welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Robert Gambini of France.

Oliva is a clever, awkward fighter—not pretty to watch, but effective. He had too much skill for the slower Gambini, and scored freely throughout the contest, one official giving him all 12 rounds. A fair smattering of low blows by Oliva went unpunished by some lenient refereeing.

Oliva is now 24 years old. He was European junior champion, and won a Silver Medal in the European Championships and a Gold Medal in the Moscow Olympics. He's won 26 straight fights, and is a tough man to beat, but he may lack the punch to take the big prize.
(01-05-83)

**▲CALOLZIOCORTE**—Domenico Ricci outpointed Giuseppe Agate, eight rounds, welters.
(12-16-82)

**▲LIVORNO**—Bruno Simili stopped Luigi Curcetti on a cut eye in the seventh. Simili, 26, has lost only one of his 25 fights at light welter, and that was to Patrizio Oliva.

Andrea Salvini knocked out Angelo Fenu in the second round, light middles.
(12-17-82)

**▲TERAMO**—Guerino Paci outscored Fioravante Calce, six, light welters.
(12-17-82)

**▲ROVIGO**—Yugoslavia's Ace Rusevski knocked out Francesco Gallo in the second. Rusevski, a southpaw, won a Gold Medal in the European Games and a Bronze in the Olympics. He's a light welterweight and is now 9-0.

Alessandro Crisafulli outscored Fausto Gennaro, six rounds, welterweights.
(12-17-82)

**▲CASSANO MAGNAGO**—Italian bantamweight champion Walter Giorgetti outscored Jofre II, eight. Giorgetti is now 12-1.
(12-18-82)

**▲PIEDIMONTE MATESE**—Giovanni DeMarco took his log to 6-0 by stopping Butangi Nzolameso in the second. DeMarco is a 22-year-old middleweight.
(12-18-82)

**▲QUARTU S. ELENA**—Renzo Mannai stopped Giovan Battista Calvia in round five, featherweights.

Marco Boero outpointed Natale Caredda in a lightweight contest scheduled for seven round.
(12-22-82)

**▲PIANO D'ARCHI**—Light welterweight Francesco DeFlorio stopped Rosario Indelicato in the fourth.
(12-23-82)

**▲RAVENNA**—Francesco Tritto outpointed Francesco Pestorino, six, junior lightweights.
(12-26-82)

**▲S. DONA DI PIAVE**—Robert Pisciotti outpointed Vincenzo Maiolini, six. Pisciotti is now 8-0.

Nazario Mariotti outscored Sid Conteh, six, light middles.

Sebastiano Sotgia outpointed Sammy Meck in a good lightweight eight. Sotgia is now 15-2.
(12-26-82)

**▲PIACENZA**—Kyanda Malanda, Zaire, outscored Pippo Magro, six, light welters.
(12-26-82)

**▲CREMONA**—Giancarlo Compiani outpointed Andrea Ricci, six rounds, junior lightweights.

Abasse Macauley outscored Antonio Pocai, six, lights.

Angelo Liquori outpointed Mayele Mabele, Zaire, eight, middles. Liquori is now 9-0.
(12-26-82)

**▲LUMEZZANE S. APOLLONIO**—Giorgi Pipia outscored Josias Dos Santos, six rounds, junior lights.

Sipontino LaTorre outpointed Eloi DeSouza, six, light welterweights.
(12-26-82)

**▲GROSSETO** —Marco Torregrossa halted Charles Ssali, Uganda, in four, welters.

Massimo Pieri outpointed Giovanni Cannizzo, six, middles.

Italian lightweight champion Alessandro Scapecchi outpointed Luigi DeRosa, eight. Scapecchi is now unbeaten in 20 straight fights with two draws. he's 24 years old.
(12-26-82)

**▲REGGIO EMILIA**—Lucio Cusma stopped Patrizio Buruni, who retired in the third, light welters.

Nitti outpointed Rosario Casartelli, four rounds, lightweights.
(12-26-82)

**▲RIMINI**—Hard punching Walter Cevoli knocked out Cosimo Funto in the third, light heavies.

Former Italian welterweight champion Pierangelo Piras knocked out Claudio Pereira in the fifth.
(12-26-82)

**▲AMALFI**—Alfredo Raininger regained the Italian junior lightweight title by outpointing Lorenzo Paciullo in their 12-round return bout. Raininger, 25, from Naples, is now 25-2, and has reversed both losses.

Raimondo Riccio outscored Simadilu Lubaki, Zaire, six, light welters. Museta Bingunia, Zaire, outpointed Pellegrino Ventrone, six, lightweights. Salvatore Bottiglieri went to 8-0 by stopping junior lightweight Mohamed Boumedian at 2:30 of round one.
(12-29-82)

**▲FORIO D'ISCHIA**—Valerio Nati knocked out Spanish veteran Mariano Garcia in the first round, bantamweights.

Welterweight Lomani Wa Lomani outscored Gaetano Caso, six.

Carmelo Lojacono outpointed Tshianala Kalenga, six, light welters.

Light heavyweight Mbajo Wa Mbajo stopped Giovanni Marchesini in four.
(01-05-83)

**▲PISA**—Light middle Andreas Savini kayoed Primo Frittoli in the second.
(12-11-82)

**▲QUARTU S. ELENA**—Marco Boero outpointed veteran junior lightweight Natale Caredda, eight.

Renzo Mannai stopped Giambattista Calvia in five, feathers.
(12-22-82)

**▲ORISTANO**—Franco Callegari outscored Fausto Gennaro, six, light middles.

Middleweight Edmundo Buttiglione stopped Jose L. Ribeiro, Brazil, in three. Buttiglione is now 8-0.
(12-30-82)

**▲MORCIANO**—Loris Stecca outscored Jose Luis Vicho, Spain, eight. Stecca is the top contender for the vacant European featherweight crown. He's 22 years old and is now 27-0-1 with 22 stoppages. He's due to meet Steve Sims for the vacant title.

Stefano Bonetti kayoed Alessandro Crisafulli in the third, light middles.
(01-28-83)

**▲ISOLA**—Giuliano Antonucci outscored Antonio Cresenza, six, light middles.

Lightweight Pasquale Lanzellotto outpointed Antonio Pocai, six rounds, lightweights.
(02-04-83)

**▲ST. VINCENT**—Supports to Ray Mancini-George Feeney: Sabiala Diavilla knocked out ken Releford in round seven, welters. Nino LaRocca flattened Jose (Chamizal) Hernandez in the first. LaRocca is now 44-0 with 35 stoppages. He's 23.
(02-06-83)

**▲PONTE FELCINO**—Italian welterweight champion Gianfranco Rosi outscored Mosimo Maeleke, eight. The 25-year-old Rosi is now 20-1.
(02-11-83)

**▲BOLOGNA**—Giuseppe Fossati retained his European bantamweight with a draw against Valerio Nati, 12. Skill went out the window in this scrap, and the draw verdict almost led to trouble at ringside. The referee and one judge both scored 116-116, with the other judge favoring Nati, 116-115.

Tore Bottiglieri outpointed Andrea Ricci, six. Bottiglieri, a 23-year-old featherweight, now has nine wins.

Argentine heavyweight Daniel Falconi kayoed Jacob Tchanthuing, Cameroon, in the third session. Falconi is now 5-0—all knockouts.

Middleweight Sumbu Kalambay stopped Bruce Johnson, U.S.A., in six. Kalambay is now 22-1-1.

Kalenga, Zaire, outpointed Beja, Uganda, six.
(02-24-83)

**▲TRAPANI**—Daniele Laghi retained his Italian heavyweight title by outpointing Claudio Cassanelli. Drama followed, as Cassanelli collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. He's still in a coma.
(02-26-83)

**▲CAPO D'ORLANDO**—Lucio Cusma won the European lightweight title by stopping defending champ Giuseppe (Joey) Gibilisco after 11 rounds. It was a brawl all the way, with both men being rocked on numerous occasions. A badly cut left eye hampered Gibilisco, who lost for the first time since 1977. Cusma is now 22-3-4.
(03-17-83)

**▲NAPLES**—Patrizio Oliva retained his European light welter title when Spaniard Francisco Leon's corner threw the towel in. The end came in the 11th round. Oliva is now 27-0.
(03-19-83)

**▲NOTES**—Unbeaten Italian middleweight champion Geatano Ardito announced his retirement.

## LUXEMBOURG

**▲LUXEMBOURG**—Djilalli Rahou outscored Mohamed Bouziani, six, welterweights.
(01-28-83)

**▲DIFFERDANGE**—Rafaelle Paoletti kayoed Rafael Blanco in the second session, feathers.

Djillali Rahou stopped Formose Mungongo in two, welters.
(02-25-83)

## NETHERLANDS

**▲ROTTERDAM**—British welterweight Cliff Gilpin laid out Cor Everstein with the first punch he threw—a crackling right hook—in round one.

Peter Jones, Great Britain, outscored localite Roy Somer, eight rounds, bantams.

Lahcen Oumghan, the Amsterdam based Moroccan, outpointed Patrick Heitz, six, lightweights.

Three Dutch fighters, Wim Thijssen, Gerrie Sloof, and Jan Lefeben, turned pro on this show. Light middleweight Thijssen kayoed Ludwig Kammerhofen, Austria, in three. Welter Sloof outpointed Rafael Fuentes, Spain, six. Lefeben won by a disqualification over Yugoslavian middleweight Sinisa Popovich in round five.
(03-07-83)

**▲NIEUWEGEIN**—Marco Vitaglione ended Dutch heavyweight Maik Krol's 13-bout unbeaten run by stopping him in two. Krol, who had 12 kayo victims, was on the floor in round one. He had beaten Vitaglione in four rounds last year.

Antoon Verrips kayoed Belgium's Gilbert Bayens in the second

round in a Benelux light welterweight title bout.
(03-07-83)

## SPAIN

▲**MALAGA**—Middleweight Gonzalo Mencho made his pro debut with a decision over Jose Ignacio Real, four.
(11-20-82)
▲**ARANDA**—Jesus Matilla outscored Julio Garcia Barcina, six, light welters. Matilla is still undefeated.
(11-26-83)
▲**LAS PALMAS**—Vicente Jorge "Sendin" outpointed Antonio Acedo, six, lightweights.
(11-26-82)
▲**PUERTO LA CRUZ**—Santiago Perdomo outscored Jose M. Perez Pacheco, four, light welters.
(11-26-82)
▲**VITORIA**—Jose Ignacio Martinez Antunez outpointed bantamweight Fermin Gallardo, eight. Martinez Antunez is now 12-1-1.
(12-04-82)
▲**SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE**—Hugo Carrizo won the vacant Spanish lightweight title by outpointing former European featherweight champion Pedro (Nino) Jimenez, 10. Carrizo was born in Uruguay, but moved to Spain in 1977 and is now a Spanish citizen. Jimenez announced his retirement after the bout. It was a fairly major upset.

Jose Lozano retained his Spanish middleweight title with a draw against Andoni Amana, 10. A hard fought bout.

Jose Diaz Bonilla outscored Teo Vega, six, light heavies.

Santiago Perdomo knocked out Federico (Freddy) Perez in the fourth round, lights.
(12-04-82)
▲**SALAMANCA**—Vicente (Zurdo) Fernandez outpointed Mohamed Larbi, eight, feathers.

Rafael Sanchez Munoz outscored Miguel Angel Rodriguez, six, junior lights.
(12-07-82)
▲**SABADELL**—Former Spanish amateur light middle champion Emilio Sole scored win number 16 by outpointing Pedro Calero.
(12-11-82)
▲**SALAMANCA**—Veteran heavyweight Alfredo Evangelista outscored Victor Varon, eight.

Lightweight Jesus Canut returned to the ring after an 18-month lay-off to outpoint Mariano (Nani) Rodriguez, eight.

Junior lightweight Rafael Sanchez Munoz outpointed Juan Barros, six.
(12-18-82)
▲**MADRID**—Roberto Castanon brought his record to 52-2-1 with a non-title points win over Isidoro Cabeza.

Alfonse Redondo retained his Spanish welter title by outpointing former European light welterweight champion Fernando Sanchez, 12. The 21-year-old Redondo is now 20-2. Sanchez, who will be 35 in March, is 45-11-3.

Esteban Eguia won the Spanish featherweight title by outscoring title holder Jose Luis Vicho. Eguia, the former bantam champ, is now 40-4-2. The 25-year-old Vicho lost for the third time in 29 bouts. (Eguia had been on the sidelines for 10 months.)

Farzad Ajdari and Rafael Sanchez Munoz drew, four.
(12-29-82)
▲**VICTORIA**—Jose Ignacio Martinez Antunez scored a major upset by winning the Spanish bantam crown with a unanimous decision over Luis de la Sagra, 10. De la Sagra had spoiled Martinez Antunez's unbeaten record last August.
(01-06-83)
▲**VITORIA**—Amalio Galan outpointed Angel Oliver, six, featherweights.
(01-06-83)
▲**SAN SEBASTIAN**—Antxon Iraeta stopped Francisco Macias in three, heavies.
(01-22-83)
▲**MADRID**—Former WBC junior welter champ Perico Fernandez won the Spanish welter title by knocking out the young defending champion, Alfonso Redondo, in round five.

Lightweight Jose (Kid) Garcia kayoed Jose M. Ibanez Arenas in the first round.

Former Spanish bantamweight champion Luis de la Sagra outscored Fermin Gallardo, eight.

Laureano Sanchez and Vicente Fernandez drew, four, featherweights.
(01-28-83)
▲**LEON**—Roberto Castanon retained his European junior lightweight title by outpointing fellow Spaniard Carlos Miguel Rodriguez, 12.

Middleweight Salvador Perez "Merche" halted welterweight Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz on an injury in five.

Mariano J. Gabarri and J. Manuel Guervos drew, six, lightweights.
(02-04-83)
▲**SALAMANCA**—Unbeaten lightweight Jesus Matilla outscored Jesus Canut, six.

Junior lightweight Rafael Sanchez Munoz outpointed Miguel A. Rodriguez, six.
(02-05-83)
▲**CIUDAD REAL**—Fernando Gonzalez outpointed Manuel Salinas, six, light middles.
(02-05-83)
▲**MADRID**—Former European champion Carlos Hernandez won the vacant Spanish junior lightweight title by outpointing Isidoro Cabeza, 10. The 32-year-old Hernandez thus gained revenge for a sixth round kayo loss in 1978.

Spanish welterweight champion Perico Fernandez outscored Austrian Tony Habermayer, 10.

Spanish lightweight champion Hugo Carrizo outpointed Joaquin Garcia Tanio II, eight.

Angel Coque outscored Jose Sanchez "Zarate," four, featherweights.
(02-17-83)

▲**VITORIA**—Jose Ignacio M. Antunez made the first defense of his Spanish bantamweight crown by outpointing Vicente (Zurdo) Fernandez, 10. The 23-year-old champ now has a 14-1-1 log.

Blas Canovas outscored Laureano Sanchez, four rounds, feathers.
(03-04-83)
▲**PALMA DE MALLORCA**—Antonio (Tony Alba) Baltanas outpointed Juan Montero, six rounds, junior lightweights.
(03-04-83)
▲**MADRID**—Mariano Garcia won the vacant Spanish flyweight title by outpointing Enrique Rodriguez "Dacal" in 10. The 37-year-old thus rewon his old crown after losing his last 15 bouts. Dacal had beaten him four times before, three times in title fights.

Former Spanish welter champ Alfonso Redondo outscored Mosimo Maeleke, eight.

Junior lightweights Amalio Galan and Jofre II drew, eight.

Angel Coque stopped J. Manuel Guervos in three, junior lights.

Fernando Gonzalez outscored Mazinga Bimba, four rounds, junior middles.
(03-11-83)
▲**ZARAGOZA**—The erratic Perico Fernandez was outpointed by M'Bayo Wa M'Bayo, the Italian based Zaire boxer, eight. This was Perico's 18th loss in 107 bouts.

Museta Bingunia kayoed Angel Oliver in the fourth session, featherweights.
(03-12-83)
▲**PALMA DE MALLORCA**—Hugo Carrizo, born in Uruguay but now the Spanish lightweight champion, retained his title by outpointing localite Isidoro Cabeza.

Antonio Baltanas outscored Juan Montero, six rounds, junior lightweights.
(03-25-83)

## SWITZERLAND

▲**BERNE**—Italian light middleweight Enrico Scacchia halted Moktar Djelassi in the fifth.
(02-16-83)
▲**GENEVA**—Enrico Scacchia scored his ninth win by knocking out Dino Wallace, Great Britain, in round three.

Michel Giroud stopped Italian veteran Natale Caredda in round six, light welters.
(03-11-83)

## UNITED KINGDOM

▲**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Tom Collins, 172½, successfully defended his British light heavyweight title for the second time by beating Antonio Harris, 174½. The referee intervening in round six after Harris had been down.

Collins thus makes the Lonsdale Belt his own property. He is one of 13 children born to Mrs. Daphne Collins, and promptly announced that he would give the Belt to his mother.

The champion looked comfortably ahead on points going into the sixth. Harris was coming forward, but Collins saw his opening when the challenger momentarily left his chin unguarded, and in went a right hand that put him on the canvas.

Harris rose at seven and tried to fight back, but was taking punishment on the ropes when the referee stopped it.

Former British bantam champ John Feeney, Hartlepool, 123½, outpointed Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 126½, over eight by 78½-77½. Feeney had a quick shock, being floored in the opening round by a right to the head, but he was quickly on his feet and got on top.

Meeting a featherweight meant that Feeney was conceding height and reach but he showed plenty of aggression after that dodgy first round, and the points margin could have been larger. Beard made a solid contribution, with neat jabs and following rights, and each round was keenly contested.

James Cook, Peckham, 163, easily outscored Willie Wright, 162½, by 79½-78 over eight.

Harry Cowap, Balham, 172, narrowly outpointed Ian Lazarus, Leeds, 175, over six by 59-58½ over six.

Shaun Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 130½, was another winner, outscoring Eddie Morgan, Corby, 130, by 59-58½ over six.
(03-09-83)
▲**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—SUPPORTS TO BRUNO-ALLEN and KAYLOR-McEWAN: Lloyd Honeyghan, Bermond Sey, 144½, won the Southern Area welterweight title and kept his unbeaten record by knocking out Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 147, in round four.

Honeyghan was on top throughout. He put his man down with a left hook early in the round, and when he rose Lloyd again floored him with a similar punch, this time for the full count.

This contest was also an official eliminator for the British title.

It was the first win as a pro for Chris Pyatt, Leicester, 149¾, who beat Paul Murray, Birmingham, 155, the latter being retired at the end of round two after being floored and cut by the left eye.

Another winning debutant was Ray Gilbody, Liverpool, 120, who beat George Bailey, 119, the bout being stopped after the latter had been decked in round two by a right.

The fans loved the six-rounder in which Tony Laing, Nottingham, 139½, narrowly outscored the hitherto unbeaten Tony Adams, Brixton, 141, by 59-58½. All-action from first bell to last.
(03-01-83)
▲**LONDON—Lyceum Theatre**—Dennis Andries, Hackney, knocked out Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, in round four to retain his Southern Area light heavyweight title. This was also a final eliminator for the British championship. A right cross did the trick, Andries just failing to get up in time.

Conrad Oscar, Paddington, 170, narrowly outpointed the hitherto unbeaten Keith James, Norwich, 164¼, by 78½-78 over eight. James did well to overcome an injured nose.

Tony Rabbetts, Heston, 153¼, outpointed Dave Harrison, Stoke, 149, over six, winning every round in a scoreline of 60-57. Nevertheless, Harrison put up a good scrap.

Mark Kelly, Crewe, 159, beat Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 156, who was retired with a cut left eye at the end of round two.

Gary Pearce, Newport, 148, outscored Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 152½, over six, winning every round. Scoreline: 60-57.

John Moody, 174, beat Paul Newman, Bognor, 177, the bout being stopped in round five.
(02-28-83)
▲**CHESTERFIELD—Aquarius Night Club**—Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 171, outpointed Alex Romeo, Nottingham, 172, by 80-76, winning all eight rounds.

Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 172½, beat Clive Beardsley, Melbourne, 164, the referee intervening in round six. Beardsley seemed well on top in round three, then wilted, was floored in round five, and indicated that he thought the punch was low. He was also cut by the left eye, and stopped hitting back in the following session.

Andy Roberts, Stoke-on-Trent, 145, outscored Elvis Morton, Leicester, 150, winning every round with a final tally of 60-57.

Johnny Elliott, Telford, 172½, outpointed debutant Alan Douglas, Sheffield, 172, by 59½-58 over six. Plenty of action, and the scoreline does not reflect Douglas's contribution.

A promising debut by Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 144, who outpointed Steve Ward, Nottingham, 145, by a close 59-58½ over six.
(02-23-83)
▲**LIVERPOOL—Stadium**—Joey Frost, Liverpool, 146¾, kept his Central Area welter title by beating Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 146½, the referee intervening in round five after Hartshorn had been down three times.

Tony Sinnott, Liverpool, 141½, kayoed Dave Campbell, Enniskillen, 141, in 2:09 of the opening round. Campbell was under pressure from the first bell, and Sinnott never let up.

John Farrell, Kirkby, 121, beat substitute Stewart Carmichael, Hull, 126, the bout being halted in round four when the latter was cut by the right eye. Farrell was well on top.

Originally, Farrell was matched with champion Steve Enright in an Area title fight, but the latter had to withdraw because of influenza.

Sammy Brennan, Kirkby, 159¾, didn't lose a round outscoring Dale Henderson, Hartlepool, 166, by 80-78 over eight. Brennan was down briefly in round two from a right hand.

Bernie Kavanagh, Liverpool, 180, defeated Jerry Golden, Manchester, 183½, the referee intervening in round five after Golden had been decked and was cut under the left eye.
(02-24-83)
▲**LONDON—Europa Hotel**—Devon Bailey, Battersea, 175¼, beat Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 176, the bout being stopped in round six. Hylton was down in the previous session, there were several other visits to the canvas from punches and pushes, and the referee decided there was no point in the contest continuing.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 207, beat John Westgarth, Newcastle, 216¼, who was retired at the end of round six when he was cut on the left eyelid. The eye was closing rapidly.

Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 147, confirmed a previous victory by beating Derek McKenzie, Fulham, 149, who, after being floored in round seven, got up and walked to his corner. Official verdict was that the referee had intervened to save him further punishment.

McKenzie had been down in round two and was cut by the left eye. When they met before, Roomes won by a first round knockout.

Colin Neagle, Merthyr, 149, didn't lose a round outpointing Mark Crouch, Epsom, 150, by 60-58½ over six.
(02-23-83)
▲**DONCASTER—Brodsworth Miners Welfare**—This was the first show in this town in a couple of years, and promoter Billy Shinfield can be well satisfied with the attendance.

Peter Gabbitus, Doncaster, 130½, beat substitute Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 135, the referee intervening in round four after Keers had been floored three times.

Gary Williams, Doncaster, 139, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Sam Church, Bradford, 143, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been on the canvas.

Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 148½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Heaver, Worksop, 148, by 60-58 over six.

Mick Hollison, Bradford, 127, beat Eddie Toro, Manchester, the referee intervening in round two after Toro had been down twice.
(02-25-83)
▲**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Steve Topliss, Melbourne, 125½, won the Midlands Area featherweight title by outpointing champion Alec Irvine, Corby, 125½, over 10 by 99½-97. Topliss was generally in charge.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 208, beat Frank Robinson, Wednesbury, 210, the stoppage coming in round four with Robinson cut on the nose.

Dave Pratt, Leicester, 122, outpointed Peter Harris, Swansea, also 122, over six by 59½-58½.

Elvis Morton, Leicester, 150, didn't lose a round outscoring Andy Letts, Nottingham, 147½, by 40-38½ over four.
(02-28-83)
▲**QUEENSFERRY—Dee Side Leisure Centre**—Ray Hood, Buckley, 134, won the vacant Welsh lightweight title by outpointing Andy Thomas, Swansea, 133½, over 10 by 99½-97.

A fine victory for the local boxer in the first show at this venue by Liverpool promoter Pat Dwyer, who can be very happy at the near-capacity crowd.

This confirmed a previous win for Hood. When they met last November, he beat Thomas on points. Hood went on to the ring apron in round three when they tried to wrestle free from a close-quarter maul, but was back at the count of four.

Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 151½, kayoed Danny Garrison, Wolverhampton, 147, in round five with a right hand that put his opponent down—and out!

Rocky Feliciello, Rhyl, 159, outpointed Bert Myrie, Wolverhampton, 158, over six by 59½-58½.

Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, 144, kayoed Ron Atherton, Liverpool, 145, in 1:43 of the opening round.
(03-04-83)
▲**BELFAST—Kings Hall**—It was great to see this fine venue in use again, especially for a major title fight. By a coincidence, last time was also a top bantamweight title fight between John Caldwell and Freddie Gilroy. This time, the 33-year-old Davey Larmour, 117, produced the performance of his career to outpoint champion Hugh Russell, 115½, over 12 exciting rounds by 118-116½ to win

the British bantamweight title. Both boxers come from Belfast.

Russell had held the crown for just 36 days, the shortest in the history of the bantam division. Also, he was previously undefeated.

When they met five months earlier in a final eliminator, Russell won on points, and this time Larmour just fought that little bit harder, and with that little bit more determination.

For veteran Larmour, the oldest fighter ever to win this title, the world suddenly becomes his oyster. He can compete for the Commonwealth and European crowns, and can of course, defend his British title.

The important thing is that, after being a bread-and-butter fighter all these years, Davey can earn enough as British champion to set himself up for the future. Good luck to him.

Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, Liverpool, who could well feature in Larmour's future plans, outpointed *featherweight* Pat Doherty over eight rounds. Dohertyn is an Irishman living in Croydon, and was much heavier than Wallace. The match was made at 125, but the actual weights were not announced.

A sparkling little contest, Wallace's left hand work bringing applause from an appreciative audience, as was Doherty's aggression.

Irish light-welter champion Patsy Quinn, Belfast, 145½, beat Valentino Maccaranello, Swansea, 145, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been down from a left hook and was under pressure.

Seamus McGuinness, Belfast, 131, outscored Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, 133, by 60-57½, not losing any of the six rounds.

Damien Fryers, Belfast, 142, outpointed Steve Ward, Birmingham, 145½, over six, also by 60-57½.

Keith Bristol, Clapham, outscored Liam Coleman, Leeds, over six. Bristol came in as a substitute, and Coleman was returning after a short period of inactivity.

(03-02-83)

**▲LONDON—National Sporting Club—**What's in a name? When Andy Straughn turned pro last June he changed his name to MacDonald. Now he's changed it back again, and kept his unbeaten record by defeating Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 178, who was retired at the end of round three.

Straughn, Hitchin, 176, was well on top throughout, and Skeldon was down twice, giving as the reason for his retirement that he had hurt his left ankle.

Kevin Webb, Grove Park, 159, didn't lose a round outpointing Micky Williams, 155½, by 60-58 over six.

Jeff Decker, Newcastle, 138½, made it four in a row by outscoring Tyrell Wilson, 138, and didn't lose a round with a scoreline of 80-76½ over eight.

Mark Cleverly, Southampton, 210, outpointed Andrew Gerrard, Newport, 203, over six by 59½-57½.

(03-01-83)

**▲LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club—**Vince Vahey, Sheffield, 134¾, easily outpointed Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 135, over eight by 79½-77. Vahey punched too quickly and was too elusive for Pritchard, who plugged hopefully away.

Andy Broughton, Sheffield, 130, won a narrow and disputed points verdict against Chris Moorcroft, Liverpool, 130, scoreline 59-58½ after six. Chris was making a comeback after three years' inactivity, and many thought he deserved at least a share of the honours.

Gary Roberts, Sheffield, Wolverhampton, 113, kayoed debutant Colin (brother of Chris) Moorcroft, who is only 18, in round one after decking him twice. It was all over in 1:27.

It just wasn't the Moorcrofts' night.

Glen Crump, Sheffield, 156, beat Winston Wray, Bolton, 162, the referee intervening in round four with Wray under pressure.

(03-07-83)

**▲EVESHAM—Sporting Club—**John McGlynn, Swansea, 147, outpointed Steve Tempro, Leicester, 147, over eight by 79½-77½. Tempro was decked in round three and again in round seven, but kept going to deserve the applause he got at the end.

Dave Scott, Telford, 171, kayoed Wayne Hawkins, Wolverhampton, 171, in round four with a right to the chin.

A close one for Johnny Elliott, Telford, 171, who outpointed Paul Shell, Leicester, 172, over six by 59½-59.

Ray Price, Swansea, 143, scored a six-round points victory over Lee Halford, Leicester, 142. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 129, scored a comfortable victory over Andy Cassidy, Nottingham, 142. Scoreline: 59½-58 after six.

(03-02-83)

**▲GLASGOW—Morleys Nite Spot—**Scottish light middleweight champion Charlie Malarkey, 147½, easily outpointed Dennis Pryce, 148, over eight by 79-77½, but had to survive a shock knockdown in round seven, when a right swing put him down for eight.

Willie Booth, 136, outpointed Des Gwilliam, Birmingham, 136, over eight by 79-77½. Not a fight to be remembered.

Tommy Cooke, Larkhall, 141¼, beat John Daly, Bradford, 140, the referee intervening in round four with Daly bleeding from the nose and under pressure.

Dave Haggerty, Paisley, 138, didn't lose a round outpointing Tony Wilkinson, Sunderland, 143. Scoreline: 60-57.

Charlie Brown, Glasgow, 115, defeated Chip O'Neill, Sunderland, 115, the bout being halted in round three.

(03-07-83)

**▲SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—**Substitute Alex Brown, Willesden, 146, looked good in outpointing Delroy Pearce, Tottenham, 143, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. It was only Brown's second pro fight, and he floored his man in round five.

Andy O'Rawe, Canvey, 138, was also having his second pro fight, and he too was a winner, outscoring Tyrell Wilson, Newport, 137, over six by 58½-58.

A winning debut for Tom Eastwood, 195, who outpointed Andy Gerrard, Newport, 198, over six by 59½-57½. Gerrard was down in round five.

And a winning debut for Cliff (brother of Tom) Eastwood, 144, who outpointed Paul McHugh, Leicester, 143, over four.

(03-01-83)

**▲STOKE—European Sporting Club—**Cliff Storey, Stoke, 117, made a successful comeback after a year's inactivity to outpoint Howard Williams, Merthyr, over eight by 79-78.

Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 147, beat Elvis Morton, Leicester, 148, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round after Morton had been shaken by a right uppercut.

Mark Kelly, Stoke, 158, drew eith Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 152, after six enthusiastic rounds.

John Doherty, Doncaster, 126, defeated John Mwaimo, Manchester, 125, the referee intervening in round two with Mwaimu under pressure.

(03-09-83)

**▲SWINDON—Swindon Town Supporters Club—**Peter Neal, Swindon, 151, outpointed Welsh champion Billy Waith, Cardiff, 154½, over eight by a narrow 79-78½. Waith boxed his usual clever fight, revealing good defenses and producing some excellent combination punching, but the verdict went to the man who was aggressive throughout. Neal was cut by the left eye in round four. How many fights has Waith lost because he didn't do enough work to back up his undoubted skills?

Nick Jenkins, Bristol, 169, didn't lose a round outpointing Winston Burnett, 166, Cardiff, over six by 60-58.

Debutant Robert Dickie, Swansea, outscored Billy Hough, Merthyr, over six. Hough was down in round five, and on the receiving end in the final session.,

In a heavyweight contest, Grant Wallis, Swindon, didn't lose a round outpointing Tony Blackstock, Leicester, by 40-39 over four. Blackstock was decked in round two.

(03-12-83)

**▲SHEFFIELD—**In a final eliminator for the British light middleweight title, Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 151½, got off the canvas to stop Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 151¾, the referee intervening in round five after Anderson had been on the canvas.

Rodney also retained his Central Area title, which he has held for nearly five years.

A right hand put Rodney down just after the start of the opening round, but he survived, fought back, and, in the fifth, decked his man with three quick punches. Anderson was up at nine, but the referee adjudged he was in no position to defend himself.

It was the first time Anderson had been stopped, and it put an end to his immediate ambition to win the British title, which is held by his stablemate, Herol Graham.

Jimmy Bunclarke, 134, became the Central Area lightweight champion by outpointing the holder, Glyn Rhodes, 133½, over 10 by a narrow 98-97½. It was probably the last round that clinched it.

Tony Brown, Liverpool, 140, won the vacant Central Area lightwelter title by outpointing Walter Clayton, Sheffield, 139, over 10 by 98½-97½.

Vince Vahey, Sheffield, 134, made it five in a row by outscoring Chris Moorcroft, Liverpool, 129, over four by 39½-38½.

Tommy Bennett, Sheffield, 148, beat Steve Ward, Leicester, 146, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had taken a hard right hand.

(03-14-83)

**▲WEMBLEY—Arena—**SUPPORTS TO MAGRI-MERCEDES: British and Commonwealth light middleweight champion Herol Graham, 156, beat American Tony Nelson, 158¼, who retired with a cut between his eyes at the end of round five.

Nelson was down twice in round one, but couldn't cash in on his advantage, and thereafter it was an uninspiring contest.

John Feeney, Hartlepool, 121, former British bantam champ, beat Mexican Aramado Ugaldo, 119, who was disqualified in round six after being warned on several occasions for hitting low.

Cameron Lithgow, 155¾, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Barry Ahmed, 161½, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three after being down twice. Ahmed showed a lot of courage, but his cause was a lost one, and his cornermen threw in the towel. This is not accepted in Britain, and was kicked out by the referee.

Nick Wilshire, Bristol, 154¼, was another who retained an unbeaten certificate, stopping Tony Brittion, Lewisham, 161, in round three, the referee intervening after Britton had been down.

Southern Area lightweight champ Winston Spencer, 139¼, beat Mickey Baker, Worcester, 138½, who was disqualified in round two for hitting low after being warned twice.

Yet another unbeaten record preserved. R.W. Smith, St. Ives, 153½, didn't lose a round in outscoring Ian Murray, Birmingham, 150, by 60-57 over six.

(03-15-83)

**▲MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—**Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 137, gained a controversial points win over Les Remekie, Leicester, 137, scoreline 78½-78 after eight. Pritchard was down in rounds one, two and three, and the result was booed.

Debutant Gavin Stirrup, Middleton, 152, stopped Dave Maxwell, Leicester, the referee intervening in round three with Maxwell cut by the left eye and under pressure.

In a battle of debutants, Dave Swann, Manchester, 136½, beat Colin Ruscoe, Manchester, 137, the bout being stopped in round two with the latter unable to defend himself.

Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 142, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mark Drew, Liverpool, 138, over four by 40-38½.

(03-14-83)

**▲STOKE—Trentham Gardens—**Rory Burke, 130, beat Stuart Shaw, 131, the bout being stopped after four rounds with the latter cut by the right eye.

Steve Tempro, 147, outscored Granville Allen, 147½, over six by 59½-58½. Both took the fight at short notice, and put up fine performances. A rousing contest.

Colin Neagle, 145, outpointed Andy Roberts, 146½, over six rounds by 59-58.

Lee Halford, 134½, defeated Gerry Devine, 133½, the referee intervening in the opening session after Devine had been down.

Jim Paton, 131½, outpointed Clinton Campbell, six.

(03-16-83)

**▲BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 165, outpointed sub Sammy Brennan, Kirkby, 161, over eight by a narrow 78½-78. Brennan went down in round four, and Ellis earned a censure for allegedly hitting him when he was on the canvas.

Alan Douglas, Sheffield, 180, beat Dwight Osbourne, Hammersmith, 180, who retired at the end of round two with a cut by the right eye.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 210, didn't lose a round outpointing Theo Joseph, Huddersfield, 189, over six by 60-57½. Joseph was cut by the right eye in round five.

John Doherty, Bradford, 126, outscored Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 130, by a narrow 59-58½ over six.

(03-21-83)

**▲NOTTINGHAM—**Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 144, comfortably outscored John Lindo, Bradford, 142, over eight by 79½-76½.

Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 136, drew with Ron Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 136, over four.

Dave Pratt, Leicester, 125, outpointed debutant Young Yousouf, Walsall, 123, over six by 59½-58.

Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 147, kayoed Micky Bird, Chesterfield, 146, in round two with a hefty right. Bird stayed there for several minutes and needed medical attention before being allowed to leave the ring.

(03-21-83)

**▲LONDON—Anglo American Sporting Club—**Paul Huggins, Hastings, 127½, gained revenge for one of his two defeats by stopping Gerry Beard, 129¼, in round three. A left hook put Beard on the canvas. The bell rang at four, but the referee indicated that it was all over. Beard needed a few minutes' treatment while still on the canvas.

Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 143½, defeated Ray Price, Swansea, 144, the bout being stopped in 0:53 of round one after Price had been decked by a right hand.

Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 128, outscored Ian Murray, Manchester, 128, by a narrow 59-58½ over six.

Keith James, Norwich, 166, defeated previously unbeaten Harry Cowap, Balham, 165, the retirement coming at the end of round four when Cowap was cut by the right eye after a clash of heads.

(03-21-83)

**▲LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Najib Daho, Manchester, 132, outscored Lee Halford, Leicester, 134, over eight by 79-78 in a cracking little contest.

Daho was down from a left hook in round seven but kept his left hand working well against an aggressive opponent. A fine contrast in styles. Both had slight facial injuries.

In a clash of debutants, Tony Borg, 130, outpointed Kenny Watson, Norwood, 128½, over six by 59½-57½.

Tony Burke, Croydon, 164, beat debutant Roddy Crane, Newport, 164, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been floored by a left hook.

Mark Cleverly, Southampton, 208, beat John Fallon, Hull, 198, the referee intervening in round three when Fallon was cut by the left eye.

(03-21-83)

**▲GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—**Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 135, beat Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 135, in a final eliminator for the Scottish lightweight title. The bout was stopped after only 2:15 of the opening round when the latter was cut over the left eye. It was McKeown's first fight as a lightweight, and very bad luck for him.

Danny Flynn, Edinburgh, 114, conceded weight but narrowly outscored Michael Marsden, Leeds, 120¼, over eight by 78½-78.

Gary Williams, Doncaster, 137, outpointed John McKinley, 138½, over six by 59-58.

Taffy Mills, Sunderland, 124, outscored Phil Glover, Doncaster, 123½, over four, not losing a round in a narrow 40-39½ victory

(03-21-83)

**▲CHELTENHAM—**Terry Marsh, 142, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Andy Thomas, Swansea, 138, the referee intervening in round four with Thomas under pressure.

Andy O'Rawe, Canvey Island, 141½, confirmed a previous victory with a narrow 59½-59 six round points win over Tyrell Wilson, Newport, 145½.

Ronnie Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 136, outpointed Michael Betts, Norwich, 135, over six. Betts was down in round two.

Andrew Gerrard, Risca, drew with John Fallon over six in a heavyweight bout.

Hugh Johnson, Birmingham, 176, outpointed Geoff Rhymer, Hull, 177, over eight by 79½-78½.

(03-16-83)

**▲LONDON—York Hall—**Johnny Dorey, Eltham, 117¾, won the vacant Southern Area bantamweight title by outpointing Ivor Jones, a Welshman living in Holloway, London, 118, by 99-98 over 10.

A fine all-action bout, the occasion slightly tarnished afterwards by a disgruntled spectator who punched the referee in the nose after he had left the ring. There was another incident when m.c. Billy Jones was soaked by an onlooker who threw the corner bucket over him. There are always one or two who spoil it for everyone else.

It was certainly a close contest, and as always each side thought their man deserved to win. The fans enjoyed it, tossing in nobbins to show their appreciation.

Six months earlier, Jones outpointed Dorey, but that was only an eight-rounder.

Jones was cut by the left eye in round three, and bled from the nose. Dorey had a nick by the right eye in round five. Jones twice lost his mouthpiece, and the final session was hectic toe-to-toe stuff that reflected credit on both boxers.

John Moody, Rayleigh, 174½, beat John Joseph, Hayes, 171½, the stoppage coming in round five after the latter had been down twice.

Adrian Elliott, West Ham, 216¼, outscored Terry Mintus, Leeds, 200, over eight by 79-77½. Elliott finished with a swelling under his left eye.

Mo Hussein, West Ham, 136¼, kept his unbeaten record, not losing a round in outpointing Robert Lloyd, Rhyl, 139, over six by 60-57½.

Jim McDonnell, Stepney, 128¼, also didn't lose a round in outscoring fellow debutant Phil Duke, Plymouth, 130, over six by 60-57½.

Billy Ruzgar, Tottenham, 121, was yet another who didn't lose a round. He outpointed Rocky Bantleman, Hayes, 124 over six by 60-57½.

(03-22-83)

**▲WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club—**Lee Hartshorn, 153½, beat Dan Myers, 152, the referee intervening in round six when Myers was cut on the nose.

Dave Scott, Telford, 168, outpointed Hugh Johnson, Birmingham, 172, over six by 59½-58. Johnson was decked in the opening round.

George Bailey, Bradford, 116, kayoed Howard Williams, Merthyr, 117, in round one with a right to the body.

Paul Shell, Birmingham, overcame a hectic first round to outscore Johnny Elliott, Telford, over six by a narrow 59-58½.

Tony Blackstock, Nuneaton, 198, beat debutant Derek Williams, West Bromwich, 180, the intervention coming in the fourth and final round after the latter had been down in round three and was under pressure.
(03-22-83)

▲**LONDON—Bloomsbury Crest Hotel**—Keith Wallace, who recently won the Commonwealth flyweight title, 113, moved a step up the world ladder by outpointing USBA champion Henry Brent, 111½, over 10 by 99½-96½. Don't let the scoreline fool you. Brent is rated number seven by the World Boxing Association, and he certainly boxed like a leading contender. Wallace was just that little bit better in each round, but Brent provided stern opposition throughout.

As always, Wallace revealed plenty of aggression, and the American was content to try and score on the counter, and use the whole ring as he back-pedalled.

Yet, he was able to catch Wallace with several right hands, and maybe it was just as well the American didn't possess a harder punch. As it was, Keith bled from the nose from round two.

This win should give Wallace the world rating he needs for his future aspirations, which will probably include a European title fight with Antoine Montero of France for the crown automatically vacated by Britisher Charlie Magri, who recently won the WBC title.

Ideally, Wallace would like a match with WBA champion Santos Laciar, with the winner meeting Magri for the undisputed world championship. There would be plenty of money involved.

Gary Knight, 142, West Ham, outpointed Bert Myrie, 149, Wolverhampton, over eight by 79½-76½. Myrie had come in as a late sub, and was floored in the fifth by a left hook.

Jimmy Price, 164¾, Liverpool, won every round in outpointing Winston Burnett, 165½, Cardiff, another sub. Scoreline: 60-57 over six. This was Price's third win in a row.

Tommy Eastwood, 192½, Epsom, outscored Andy Gerrard, 204, Newport, over six by 59½-58½.

Martin Patrick, 153¼, Tottenham, outscored Ian Chantler, 150, Liverpool, over eight by 79½-77. This was Patrick's eighth successive win.

Tony Rabbetts, 150½, Hendon, scored a narrow 59-59 points win over Davey Cox, Northampton, six.
(03-22-83)

RON OLVER

## YUGOSLAVIA

▲**RIJEKA**—Former European light middleweight champion Marijan Benes outpointed the young Darwin Brewster, Wales, 10. A tough fight, and Benes had his Austrian license suspended for life for taking this bout without his manager's position. The Austrian board, however, later nullified its decision.

Middleweights Dusan Cavic and V.S. Cubetic drew, six.

Heavyweight Vestan Andrej knocked out Rade Palamar in three.

Dusan Jadosauljevic halted Branko Markovic in three via a cut.

Grodzdanovic outscored Stanko Suhadolnik, four rounds, welters. (01-27-83)

▲**ZAGREB**—Lutshadi Mudimbi, Zaire, outscored Ivan Matekovic, six, light heavyweights.

Former amateur star Ace Rusevski outpointed Wa Lomani, 10, light welters.

Welterweight Miljenko Rubelj knocked out Sid Conteh in round three.
(02-12-83)

ERIC ARMIT

# AFRICA

## SOUTH AFRICA

▲**MDANTSANE—Sise Dikashe Stadium**—Jacob Matlata became the new South African junior flyweight champion when he stopped defending champion Mveleli Luzipho in the 11th round.

The fight was closely contested until the late rounds. Matlata rocked Luzipho with several good straight rights in the 10th, and halfway through the 11th sent the champion staggering into the ropes with yet another barrage of short blows to the head.
(02-26-83)

▲**CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—Chris Whiteboy retained his South African junior lightweight title when he outpointed Frank Khonkhobe over 12 rounds in unconvincing style.

Only Khonkhobe's lack of a punch enabled Whiteboy to see out the distance. Whiteboy did not look in top physical condition and remains one of our least impressive national champions.

Bashew Sibaca quickly sorted out the southpaw style of Norman Bromfield and easily outboxed him over six rounds in a featherweight bout.
(02-28-83)

▲**CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—In a rough, tough fight, Welile Nkosinkulu appeared lucky to get a 10-round split decision over Argentine bantamweight Ruben Condori.

Nkosinkulu complained of double vision, claiming Condori thumbed him in the third, but the fact that the former South African champion had to shed three kilograms in three days probably affected his performance.

Celebrating his return to the ring after a year's enforced inactivity, Jimmy Abbott clubbed his was to a sloppy points win over eight rounds over Argentine heavyweight Juan Musladino.
(03-14-83)

## TRANSVAAL

▲**JOHANNESBURG—Portuguese Hall**—David "Babylux" Kambule handed rising junior middleweight prospect Gerhard Botes a boxing lesson and a beating.

Looking terribly amateurish, Botes was put down in the sixth round from what his manager claimed was a butt, and managed to survive the distance on courage alone.

In a heavyweight fight, Hendrik de Klerk racked up his fourth win as a pro when he stopped Blessing Mbuyazi in the first round. Mbuyazi tripped under a barrage of blows and fractured his ankle as he fell to the canvas.
(02-28-83)

▲**JOHANNESBURG—Wembley Sports Pavilion**—South African lightweight champion Aladin Stevens climbed out of a sick bed to outbox Jesus Romero, a vastly more experienced Argentinian, 10.

Stevens had gone down with flu a week before the fight, but manager-trainer Oom Andries Steyn kept it a secret. Even so, Stevens still had enough left to outscore the visitor, who relied on rough tactics to keep the fight close.

South African featherweight champion Thomas Sithebe wasn't quite as fortunate. Ramon Dominguez, the Argentine champion, kept him under constant pressure until he wore him down, finally knocking him out in the ninth with a terrific left hook to the body.
(03-26-83)

## NATAL

▲**DURBAN—West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium**—Lorenzo Garcia, the Argentine lightweight champion, inflicted the first defeat on Brian Baronet when he outpointed him over 10 rounds.

Garcia had his young opponent bewitched, bothered, and bewildered for most of the fight and hurt him with some sharp counter punches. "I went to school for 10 rounds," said Baronet after the fight.

Brian Mitchell won a hard fought junior lightweight eliminator when he outpointed Jerome Gumede over eight. Gumede started like a bomb but fizzled out halfway through the fight, and Mitchell finished strongly to take a narrow points decision.

Bushy Bester made short work of Leo Simelane when he knocked out the lanky playboy with a superb left hook to the jaw in the second round of their middleweight contest.
(03-14-83)

BERT BLEWETT

## ZIMBABWE

▲**MASVINGO**—ABU (African Boxing Union) bantamweight champion Stix Macloud won a unanimous decision over Dutch champ Roy Somer, 10. Somer was down in rounds three and four in this fast paced contest.

Welterweight Willie Chikomo scored his eighth straight win by outpointing Floss Chinyanta, Zambin, eight rounds.

Smart Thompson knocked out Titus Samwenda in the second, featherweights.

Alex Disaster outscored Miles Zimba, six rounds, middles.

Captain Marvel TKO'd Rocky Diamond in the third round, heavies.
(01-28-83)

▲**HARARE**—African heavyweight king Kllimanjaro outscored Neil Malpass, Great Britain, 10. Kilimanjaro won the first eight rounds with ease, with Malpass only coming alive in the last two frames, when he had Kili rocking on two or three occasions. Kilimanjaro is still undefeated.

John Jackson outscored Goodwin Mpofu, six, welters.

Toro Tawana outpointed Jocelan Phekan, six, lights.
(02-05-83)

# ORIENT

## JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese flyweight champion Shuichi Hozumi, the WBA's fifth ranked contender at 112, engaged in a return with Kazuyoshi Funaki, also 112, and won a shutout decision, 10. This was Hozumi's first defense of the national crown he had wrested from the shorter Funaki. The 5′ 8″ Hozumi utilized his reach and kept sticking the ex-champ all the way.

Scoring: ref Ken Morita and judge Takeo Ugo, both 100-92; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-94—all for Hozumi.

The lanky winner is slated to fight Argentine Santos Laciar in a bid for the WBA flyweight throne in Shizuoka on May 5.

Hozumi, 23, improved his log to 19-2 with five kayoes. Funaki, 27, impaired to 12-15-4 with five knockouts.

Hiroshi Yamamoto, 117¼, unanimously decisioned Noritetsu Kato, 117½, six.

Four rounders: Hard hitting rookie Nobuyuki Tabata, 144, ran his streak to 7-0 with as many knockouts, as he sank Kenya Ken, 146½, twice and stopped him at 2:39 into the opening round. Yoshinobu Fukui, 112, a quick and puzzling lefty, onesidedly outscored Masanobu Suzuki, 111¼. Kazutoshi Yoshida, 125½, halted Morio Tokumori, 127½, 64 seconds into the first canto. Toshiyuki Sato, 108, won a close decision from lefty Takeshi Toh, 107¼. Masahiko Kubota, 106¾, finished Shin Takahagi, 107¼, at 1:29 into the second session. Shunji Tsuchiya, 111, stopped Koji Kaneda, 112, at 2:35 of the third canto. Ryoichi Sato, 121¾, halted Katsushi Shimada, 122, in 1:15 of the fourth and final round in the opener.

Akihiko Honda's Teiken Promotions. Telecast by Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,400.
(02-04-83)

▲**KOCHI—Kochi Prefectural Gymnasium**—Former WBA junior middleweight champ Tadashi Mihara; 154, dancing and punching faster than Yohi Arai, a stocky veteran at 153¾, scored a TKO win at 1:44 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Mihara's Japanese title was at stake, but it was easy work for Mihara to outpunch the slower challenger. Arai was bleeding from bad gashes over both eyebrows, and ref Nobumitsu Inukai wisely called a halt.

Mihara, 27, boosted his log to 18-1 with 13 knockouts. Arai, 29, fell to 27-24-2 including 12 stoppages.

Two national title bouts made up this card. In the first 10, Shuichi Isogami, 117½, battered Kazumi Sato, 117½, to win a nearly shutout decision. Isogami, however, failed to impress the crowd. He floored the neglected challenger twice (in the fourth and eighth rounds), but his wild attacks—and soft punching—enabled Sato to hear the final gong. Scoring: referee Ichiro Uenanka, 100-91; judges Hiroshi Matsumoto and Nobumitsu Inukai, 100-89 and 99-93, respectively—all for the defending champ.

Isogami, who tabbed his fifth defense, is now 30-4-4 including 19 kayoes. Sato, four years his senior at 31, is 13-20-9 with four knockouts. Obviously, this was a mismatch.

Suejiro Kuramura, 129½, and Kazushi Hara, 130, drew, six.

Four rounders: Hiroshi Yamashiro, 125½, eked out a split nod over Takeo Inada, 124¼. Tadao Fukuzawa, 122½, drew with Akira Shinada, 123¼. Tetsuo Hamamoto, 110¼, outscored Nobuyuki Shimada, 111¼, in the opener.

Takao Kambayashi's Kambayashi Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—3,000.
(02-13-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—OPBF bantamweight kingpin Eijiro Murata, 118, had a tough time outpunching game Filipino William Develos, 117, but earned a unanimous decision in 12 heats.

It was the 26-year-old Murata's 11th defense of the OPBF title, but he had a tough experience. Develos, ex-OPBF junior bantam boss, was less powerful, but his occasional swings and crafty defense annoyed the defensing champ. The third man, Paul Field, penalized a point from Develos for alleged holding, but that seemed a bit too severe. Murata was shaken up badly by a wicked left hook in round eight. From the ninth round on, Murata desperately threw more punches than the Filipino challenger.

Murata has failed to win the world title from Lupe Pintor and Jeff Chandler (twice), and he has to master how to catch up with moving targets more accurately.

Murata is now 23-1-3 with 15 knockouts. Develos, who was seconded by ex-world champ Flash Elorde, fell to 19-4-3 with nine kayoes.

Scoring: ref Field, 118-113; judges Takeshi Shimakawa and Masakazu Uchida, 119-116 and 118-115, respectively—all for the defending champ.

In the semi-final 10, hard-punching but glass-jawed Tetsumi Takeshita, 108, didn't reveal his vulnerable button in demolishing Yoshiaki Kanda, 107¾, at 1:31 of the sixth session.

Takeshita, former All-Japan high school champ, is a 21-year-old hope with a 8-1 record with six kayoes. Kanda, also 21, is 11-9-5 with two knockouts.

Takaharu Nishimura, 118, survived a second-round knockdown and fought back hard to win a unanimous nod over Noritetsu Kato, also 118, six.

Yoshinori Uniwa, 130½, earned a hairline nod over Kiyoshi Sasaki, 129, six.

Four rounders: Katsumi Takeshita, 107½, came off the deck and battered Shingo Ishikura, 108, to win a majority decision, Katsumi is an elder brother of Tetsumi Takeshita. He was previously a champ in kick boxing, but he decided to enter the international style. Katsumi is now 2-0. Masaru Matsumoto, 129, stopped Masahiro Tsuda, also 129, at 0:55 of the third canto. Shigeji Tamaki, 113¾, and Shotgun Suzuki, 115, drew. Keiichi Ozaki, 116, unanimously decisioned Tatsuhiko Nakatsu, 117. Yoshinori Kobayakawa, 141¼, won a technical decision from Kasunori Sugano, also 141¼ at 1:33 in the third session of the opener.

Shigeji Kaneko's Kaneko Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,400.
(02-21-83)

▲**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Unbeaten sensation Hidekazu Akai, the WBA's fifth ranked junior welterweight at 140, again scored an easy knockout over Miharu Muto, also 140, in 3:10 of the first round in a scheduled ten. Just at the bell to end the opening canto, Akai's long right caught the jaw of Muto. The loser collapsed and barely pulled himself up when the ref had finished tolling the fatal 10. Akai is going to face Leroy Haley, the WBC champ, in a quest for the world title, but he had better meet name opponents prior to this too ambitious crack.

Akai, 23, is a 5′9″ puncher with a 14-0 record with 13 kayoes. Muto, 24, is the JBC's number four 140-pounder who dropped to 12-6-1 with only two kayoes.

In the semi-final 10. Yutaka Toyota, 112, banged out Kazuo Katsuma, also 112, and sank him in 1:43 of the sixth.

Hiromi Oshima, 133¾, floored veteran Tomio Nakamura, 132½, three times and stopped him, automatically, at 1:33 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Michio Kawakami, 117¼, demolished Koichi Sakata, 117¾, at 1:15 of the second canto, Manabu Hiura, 144, ended his losing run in his fourth bout by copping a decision over Hirobumi Tanaka, 141¾, in the opener.

## JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF MARCH 15, 1983)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Keitoku Senrima
1. Michihiro Horihata
2. Kenji Miyata
3. Naoto Suzuki
4. Koji Aoki
5. No Listing

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tadashi Mihara
1. Katsuhiro Sawada
2. Yohi Arai
3. Shinji Tojyo
4. Tomohiro Nagao
5. Mahiro Shichiri

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jyunya Kushikino
1. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto
2. Kazuhiko Yasuda
3. Mugen Kawasaka
4. Gorugo Saito
5. Kozo Fukuya
6. Shoji Okishima
7. Masaji Fujiwara
8. Kazunori Shiratori
9. Makoto Mochizuki
10. No Listing

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Ryutaro Otsuki
2. Tatsuya Moriyasu
3. Hammer Itoi
4. Seitaro Chinen
5. Katsuji Muto
6. Nobutaka Kuwata
7. Wyo Asuka
8. Nobuyuki Tabata
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Fujio Ozaki
1. Cheyenne Yamamoto
2. Hayao Shiba
3. Taijiro Niyama
4. Jyoken Narita
5. Young Hideo
6. Tadao Ishido
7. Hiroshi Osumi
8. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
9. Katsutoshi Takasaki
10. Eiji Okita

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Yoshimitsu Azato
1. Yonekura Ikhoni
2. Koji Sengoku
3. Hideyuki Shikano
4. Ryu Fukida
5. Toshiaki Nakamoto
6. Mitsuteru Azuma
7. Jyo Tatsuki
8. Yasuhide Takahashi
9. Hirokazu Fukui
10. Isamu Teramoto

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Eijiro Kuruma
1. Toshiyuki Tanaka
2. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
3. Takuya Muguruma
4. Gen Tosa
5. Yoshinari Tanaka
6. Fighter Matsukawa
7. Tatsunari Hozumi
8. Masahiro Takagi
9. Rusher Kawaguchi
10. Tomikazu Kinjo

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Fusao Imai
2. Keiji Kawamura
3. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
4. Yoshimu Oyama
5. Satoshi Koguchi
6. Takeshi Mitsu
7. Toshi Okuma
8. Sanji Ito
9. Kenichi Ito
10. Nobuharu Sekine

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Syuichi Hozumi
1. Makoto Taguchi
2. Mitsuo Imazato
3. Kiyoshi Oyama
4. Katsuyuki Ohashi
5. Leo Suzuki
6. Kazuhiro Matsuda
7. Marciano Sekiyama
8. Kazumi Sato
9. Dragon Hayakawa
10. Mitsuru Arazaki

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jackal Maruyama
1. Hiroyuki Seki
2. Tsutomu Itokazu
3. Kazuki Higa
4. Masayuki Kirisaki
5. Mutsuo Watanabe
6. Yasuo Azato
7. Koichi Sugimoto
8. Hiroaki Kato
9. Shinji Suga
10. Tadashi Maruo

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Syuichi Hozumi
1. Yuto Kazaki
2. Yoshiyuki Uchia
3. Takamichi Yamaga
4. Goju Toriumi
5. Kazuo Katsuma
6. Hiroyasu Kato
7. Satoshi Shingaki
8. Sasumu Sakima
9. Takashi Nakayama
10. Takashi Saka

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Katsumi Sato
1. Masaharu Iha
2. Koki Ishii
3. Hiroyuki Tada
4. Kentoku Nakama
5. Yoshiaki Nojima
6. Toyota Yutaka
7. Tetsumi Takeshita
8. Kazuhiro Ikeda
9. Yoshiaki Kanda
10. Tadashi Kuramochi

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Jiro Watanabe (WBA junior bantamweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (WBA junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers ranked by world boxing organizations: Hidekazu Akai (5 WBA junior welterweight; 10 WBC), Hikaru Tomori (9 WBA junior lightweight), Koji Kobayashi (8 WBA junior bantamweight; 7 WBC), Kazuyoshi Funaki (7 WBA flyweight), Tadashi Tomori (7 WBA junior flyweight), Kiyoei Torres (4 WBA junior flyweight; 1 WBC).

Takao Kambayashi's Kambayashi Promotions. Asahi Hoso (TV) of Osaka.
(02-21-83)

▲**TOKYO—KORAKUEN HALL**—Fujio Ozaki, the Japanese lightweight champ at 134½, won a unanimous decision over ex-titlist Joken Narita, 135, to defend his laurels for the second time, 10.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 98-95; judges Shoji Nakamori and Ken Morita, 97-96 and 97-95, respectively—all for the taller Ozaki. There were no knockdowns, but it was a total war. The 27-year-old Narita threw quick one-two combos but Ozaki's youth and power won him the decision.

Ozaki, 21, is now 11-1 with six kayoes. His sole kayo loss was to Hidekazu Akai in the finals of the All-Japan Novice King tourney two years ago. Narita impaired to 15-15-1 with only one kayo.

In the semi-final 10, Masaharu Owada, 130, showed his lantern jaw and continued his losing run. He was leading on points with his stinging lefts, but sank from a wicked combination by Hideyuki Shikano, also 130, in 1:39 of the third round. Owada, the JBC's eighth ranked junior lightie, is a son of a U.S. black father and a Japanese mother. He possesses splendid reflexes, but has a vulnerable jaw. Owada fell to 7-8-1 with six kayoes. Shikano is 11-7-4 with two stoppages.

Koji Kobayashi, the WBC's number eight super flyweight, boxed an exhibition in three rounds with Yasuo Onishi. Kobayashi is a 5'8" lefty.

Four rounders: Lefty Yasuo Otani, 118, stopped Yasushi Komori, 117½, with a good left at 2:33 of the second canto. Ryoichi Sato, 122, outscored Haruji Takamatsu, 121½. Munenori Yamazaki, 122, dropped Takahiro Fujisawa, also 122, twice with body shots and finished him at 1:30 of the second round. Michiya Kashiwagi, 113½, scored a fine kayo over Masahiko Tozaki, 114¾, at 0:59 into the second round and decked his first pro bout in the opener.

Kenji Yonkeura's Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.
Attendance—1,500.
(02-22-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—On the night there was a world title bout, Jiro Watanabe and Luis Ibanez in Tsu City (whcih was telecast nationwide), there was a card at the Hall. It was expected that fight fans would stay at home to watch the TV fight, but the Hall saw more spectators than usual. The witnesses must have had videodecks and watched the WBA junior bantamweight title go after returning from the Hall.

Yoshiyuki Nojima, the JBC's fifth ranked junior flyweight, 107¾, showed fast footwork in copping a unanimous decision from Goju Toriumi, 107, 10. Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida and judge Yusaku and judge Yusaku Yoshida, 99-96; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 100-95—all for Nojima. Nojima, 22, is 12-6-2 with two kayoes. Toriumi, 23, fell to 9-5-1 with six knockouts.

In the semi-final 10 fast rising lightie Cheyenne Yamamoto, 138, chalked up a TKO win over Tadao Ishido, 136½, at 2:18 of the eighth round. Yamamoto continually battered the loser, who turned back to his corner in the fatal round.

Yamamoto, the JBC's top contender, is 12-4-5 with six kayoes. Ishido, a year his senior at 24, is 9-8 with seven kayoes.

Four rounders: Isao Koide, 116¼, outpointed Sadao Kosuga, 117. Hiroshi Hori, 136¾, stopped Yukio Abe, 136¼, at 2:43 of the second round. Takuto Misawa, 106, decisioned Hidekatsu Shinya, 107. Keigo Furuta, 121½, drew with Kunio Takanami, 122. Hoji Aizawa, 140, demolished Hiroyuki Kanayama, 129¾, at 2:13 into the third round. Each hit the deck, but Aizawa fought back hard to score two knockdowns. Koji Ueda, 121, stopped Takehiko Igarashi, 121½, at 1:19 of the third round. Kazuhiko Shuto, 114¾, decisioned Koji Fuchiwaki, 113½, in the opener.

Hiroshi Saito's Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Fuji TV.
Attendance—1,500.
(02-24-83)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

## KOREA

▲**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—Hard hitting rookie Chul Kwon, 122¼, proved too powerful for Japanese Marciano Sekiyama, also 122¼, dropping him twice and for the count in 1:11 of the second round in a 10. The shorter Kwon's wicked left hooks did the damage. Kwon upped his log to 17-0 with 12 kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Korean junior featherweight boss Chan-Jung Chun, 125, stopped Chul-Hwan Soul, 125¾, at 2:19 of the fourth round. Chun, a rugged infighter, is 14-2-3 with six knockouts. Soul is 10-7-1 with three kayoes.

In the first 10, Sang-Myun Choi, 121¼, caught Sung-Il Lee, 120½, and halted him at 0:10 of the ninth canto. Choi is now 11-4-3 with five kayoes.

Oh-Kyun Chang, 132¼, outpointed Un-Kyu Park, 134½, six.
Wo-Dong Kim, 119¾, stopped Sang-Ho Kim, 120, at 2:54 of the second session of the four-round opener.

Lee-Houn Promotions. KBS TV
(01-30-83)

▲**DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Former national lightweight champ Hong-Kyu Lim, 139¾, floored ex-Japanese junior welterweight boss Tatsuya Moriyasu, 139¼, in the second round and won a onesided decision, 10.

Lim was chasing the Nipponese all the way, while Moriyasu was obliged to cover up. Lim had relinquished his Korean title, having outgrown the 135-pound division.

Lim is now 18-1 with 12 kayoes. Moriyasu fell to 12-15 with six knockouts.

Joo-Do Chun, 116¾, won a technical decision over Young-Chul Hong, also 116¾, at 1:34 of the fourth canto in an eight.

Yung-Kil Chung, 147½, outpointed Yong-Man Park, 147¼, eight.

Tae-Young Choi, 126¼, decisioned Eye-Jung Chung, 126½, six.

Four rounders: Sung-Jun Park, 115¾, drew with Jung-Sok Kwon, also 115¾.

Eye-Jung Lee, 121¼, stopped Sang-Ho Na, 120½, at 1:50 of the fourth and final round in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(02-05-83)

▲**CHUNJU—Chunju Indoor Gymnasium**—Very promising Jung-Koo Chang, ranked fifth both by the WBA and the WBC at 112, turned loose from the start and dug a wicked body shot to Filipino Tito Abella, also 112, scoring an impressive kayo in 2:25 of the second round in a 10.

Chang, a 19-year-old puncher, had lost a disputed split decision to Hilario Zapata in his bid for the WBC light flyweight throne last year, despite his seemingly successful efforts. Abella was an easy victim who fell flat on the first knockdown.

Chang is now 23-1 with 10 kayoes.

Che-Sun Lee, 130¾, finished Kuk-Kap Kim, 130, at 1:55 of the fourth round in a eight.

Yuk-Dong-Ahn, 109½, lost to Jae-Yun Lee, also 109½, six.

Woo-Yong Kim, 110¼, won from Kum-Jung Yun, 111¼, six.

Four rounders: Chong-Moon Kim, 120¾, outscored Hyung-Keun Yuh, 120¼.

Young-Ho Joo, 110, demolished In-Kwan Moon, also 110, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(02-06-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean hope Il Yang, 131, was easily polished off by Japanese junior lightweight champ Yoshimitsu Azato, the WBA's fourth ranked contender at 131, in 2:30 of the third round in a 10. The taller Azato landed clean straight rights, dropping Yang for the compulsory eight count in round three. Beating the count, Yang fell again from Azato's merciless combinations to the face, and the KBC referee declared a well-received halt. It's Azato's fine knockout. The 5'9" Azato, one of the most promising Japanese fighters, is 14-1-1 with nine kayoes. Yang dropped to 17-3-4 with seven knockouts.

In the semi, Ho-Chul Pyun, 110¼, outpointed Chong-Kwan Chung, 109, 10.

Pyun, ex-Korean junior flyweight boss, is 15-6-1 with five kayoes.

Sung-Moon Choi, 120¼, decisioned Yong-Duk Choi, 120, eight.

Kap-Sup Song, 115¼, won from Jun-Mo Yang, 115½, six.

Four rounders: Young-Sup Kim, 134, outpointed Kwang-Chul Chang, also 134.

Yong-Soo Kim, 109¾, decisioned Joung-Bae Kim, 109¾. Sung-Kyu Bae, 115, won from Il-Jung Chun, 115¼, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(02-12-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean junior lightweight champ Dong-Koo Woo, 133½, survived two knockdowns in the third round, fought back furiously with his vaunted body bombardments, and finished Japanese Tatsuya Hisahiro, 132¼, at 2:42 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

It was Fight of the Month in Korea. The taller Japanese displayed his superior speed and exploded his well-timed rights, dropping Woo twice in round three. In the next frame, Hisahiro went all out for the kill, but Woo came back to dig solid body shots to the midsection. The Japanese was groggy.

The fatal fifth canto saw Woo batter him from all angles, and the Japanese took a standing count. The KBC ref counted him out on his feet.

Woo is now 11-5-2 with seven kayoes. Hisahiro, a promising youngster, fell to 6-2 with four knockouts. It was too early for the 20-year-old Nipponese to face the Korean champ.

Bi-Won Chung, 111, ran his log to 10-0-1 (three kayoes) by stopping Japanese Tatsuya Sugi, 110, at 2:42 of the fifth canto in an eight. Chung, a Novice King tourney winner in 1982, made his opponent a bloody mess and forced the ref to call a halt. Sugi is now 8-3-1 with one kayo.

In another eight, unbeaten Yong-Woo Kim, 121¼, halted Jun Yamaguchi, 122, at 2:50 of the opening session. Kim is 5-0 with two kayoes. The Japanese loser fell to 7-3 with three knockouts.

The three Japanese fighters all came from the Masa Ito Club in Yamaguchi.

Oh-Kyu Chang, 131¼, decisioned Young-Shik Kim, 130, six.

Four rounders: Sang-Do Chung, 153¼, won from Ki-Youl Lee, 154½. Won-Keun Chae, 116¾, outscored Dae-Jin Kim, 118, in the opener.

Seoul Dongshin Promotions.
(02-19-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former WBC junior welterweight champ Sang-Hyun Kim, 141¾, utilized his southpaw style, dropped Mexican Ken Ibarra, 141, three times and stopped him at 2:22 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Kim proved too sharp for the Mexican import, dropping him almost at will. Kim improved his log to 42-3-2 with 25 kayoes. Ibarra, in his first appearance in Korea, fell to 27-9 with 17 knockouts.

Korean flyweight champ Soon-Chung Kang, 112, kept his crown by outscoring Ki-Ho Shin, 111¾, 10. Kang is a very soft-

punching champ whose record is 14-2 with no kayoes. Shin dropped to 13-4 with four knockouts.

In the first 10, veteran Ki-Hoon Kwak, 143, earned a decision over Sung-Oh Hwang, 142¾.

Jae-Hong Kim, 110, won a technical decision over Won-Soo Chung, 108¾, at 0:49 of the seventh round in an eight.

Chong-Soo Yum, 127½, drew with Byung-Ho Park, 127¼, in the four-round opener.

Kukdong Promotions.
(02-26-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean top ranked bantie Ji-Won Kim, 123¼, defeated Filipino Sandy Noora, also 123¼, 10. Kim is 5-0-1. The Filipino loser is 14-4-1 with six kayoes.

Korean junior bantamweight boss Hi-Yun Chung, 115, fought to a draw with Jae-Myung Choi, 114¾, to keep his title, 10. Chung, a powder-puff champ, is 9-1-1. Choi is 10-1-2 with four kayoes. Choi deserves a rematch.

Young-Ei Moon, 111¼, outscored Kyu-Shik Yang, 112, eight.

Kuk-Jin Yim, 139½, lost to Tai-Wang Kang, 140¼, eight.

Four rounders: Yong-Jae Lee, 116¼, won from Yu-Ahn Chun, 116. Kwang-Koo Park, 114½, outpointed Duk-Han Bae, 114, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.
(02-27-83)

▲**DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek, 153¼, engaged in a non-title tenner (within the limit), and disposed of Mexican Jesus Gonzalez, also 153¼, at 2:55 of the third round. It was Baek's 25th knockout in as many outings.

In-Chul, the WBA's second ranked 154-pounder, cannot find any suitable challengers in the Orient, so he faced a Mexican opponent. But Jesus was as fragile an opponent as those Baek had demolished.

In the semi, an eliminator was held to decide a new Korean lightweight champion owing to ex-champ Hong-Kyu Lim's outgrowing the 135-pound division. Kyu-Woon Choi, 134½, outpointed Hang Park, 135, to seize the national crown, 10. Choi is 11-3 with four knockouts. Park, the KBC's top contender, had been the favorite, but fell to 10-2 with five kayoes.

Hi-Bong Kim, 113¾, decisioned Chung-Woo Lee, 114¾, six.

Jung-Hyun Kim, 108¼, outscored Woo-Yong Kim, 109¼, six.

Four rounders: Young-Ho Joo, 108¼, won from Ro-Hyung Hwang, 108¾. Ki-Soo Kim, 119, stopped Joung-Pyo Kim, 118¾, in 1:35 of the first round in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(02-27-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Hi-Sop Shin, 111½, stopped Hong-Soo Yang, 112¼, at 0:12 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12 rounder.

Yang failed to make the flyweight limit, so the bout became a non-title fight under the condition that, if Shin won this bout, he would be the new OPBF champ. Shin, a speedy lefty, battered the sluggish champ and Yang couldn't answer the bell to begin the ninth round. Yang was counted out in his corner by the KBC referee.

Wan-Tak Choi, 129, outpointed Chong-Kwon Ahn, 129¾, 10. Choi is 6-2-2 with two kayoes. Ahn fell to 10-3-1 with three knockouts.

Chan-Soo Chung, 114¾, drew with Do-Jun Shin, 114¼, in the first 10. Chun is 10-6-3 with six knockouts. Shin is 9-3-1 with one kayo.

Joung-Woo Chun, 119½, outpointed Sung-Yun Oh, 120, eight.

Yong-Duk Choi, 118½, decisioned Jang-Hwan Ham, 119, six.

Four rounders: Hyun-Soo Kim, 119, won from Myun-Hyung Kim, also 119. Jun-Oh Choi, 107¾, drew with Sung-Kyu Park, 109, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.
(01-29-83)

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# PAN PACIFIC

## AUSTRALIA

### NEW SOUTH WALES

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Bright prospect Steve Renwick, 156, easily outpointed Manny Trikilis, also 156, in the eight-round main event. Renwick is now 2-0—both wins coming against Trikilis.

Six-rounders: Ted Hopkins, 144, outpointed Disco George, 135. Glenn Hillier, 140, halted Bernie Johnson, 135, in five.

Four-rounders: Alan Horumia, 157, stopped Alex Schaefer, 154, in two. Robbie Hitchenson, 166, outscored Peter (Crash) Kaiser, also 166.
(02-15-83)

▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Pat Leglise, 142, one of Australia's finest prospects, scored an easy points win over Ron Donoghue, 147¾, 10. Pat did not seem overly aggressive.

Russell Sands, 152, outscored Manny Trikilis, 155½, eight.

Shaun Gray, 156, stopped Roy Alexander, 159, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Glenn Hillier, 139, outpointed Dave Duke, 144¾. Brad Fredrics, 136¼, outscored Billy Sams, 142½.
(02-16-83)

▲**COOTAMUNDRA—Ex-Servicemen's and Citizens' Memorial Club**—Two eight-rounders headlined. Former NSW State featherweight champion Roger Henry, 137¼, was held to a draw by local Alan Clarke, 136¾. Robert Hall, 172, won a split decision over Graham Bray, 191¾.

Benjamin Lappori, 127¾, halted Edin Tugrul, 132¼, on a cut eye in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Howard Horne, 179¾, kayoed Ron James 172, in the fourth and final session.

Bobby Williams, 114½, outpointed Noel Ovington, 108, four.

Matty Jones, 161, outscored Peter (Crash) Kaiser, 167½, three.
(02-19-83)

▲**BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Tommy Woods, 139, outscored Andrew Roberts, 136¾, eight.

Clint Brown, 165½, outpointed Joey Collins, 152¼, six.

Ritchie Bardo, 150, outscored Dave Winston, 158¾, six.

Rudy Darno, 189½, stopped Mick Carney, 231½, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(02-23-83)

▲**SMITHFIELD—R.S.L. Club**—Former Australian flyweight champ Steve Bell, 111¼, halted Bobby Williams, 111¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10 to win the vacant NSW State flyweight title. Referee Billy Males stopped it at 2:35 of the session after Williams had been on the canvas twice. Bell was brilliant.

Six-rounders: Ken Bruce, 130, outscored Disco George, 134½. Roy Alexander, 161, stopped Michael Toweel, 162½, in the second. Brij Nand, 145½, halted Steve King, also 145½, in the first. Dean Thomas, 134½, outpointed Andrew Roberts, also 134½.

Paul Toweel, 150½, outscored Glenn Baker, 150, four.
(02-25-83)

▲**LITHGOW-Workers Club**—This was the first pro boxing program held in this midwestern town in years. Dennis Talbot, 130, knocked out Gary Williams, 128½, with one punch in the fourth round of a scheduled 12 to win the vacant Australian junior lightweight title. The crown had been relinquished by Paul Ferreri in December.

Brett Young, 131½, a good prospect, comfortably outpointed veteran Roy Hughes, 131, in the eight-round main support.

Six-rounders: Ian Dennis, 161, outpointed Jimmy Greco, 156½. Willie White, 113½, stopped Peter Dumitru, 108, in the sixth and final session. Ron Donoghue, 150, halted Al Hallett, 141, on a cut eye in the fourth.
(02-27-83)

▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Steve Renwick, 157, halted Tony Campbell, 158, in the second round of a scheduled eight. Renwick is now 3-0.

Six-rounders: Barry Matta, 148, outpointed Tony Noone, 151. Tommy Woods, 140, outscored Joey Collins, 148.

Four-rounders: Matta Matta, 148, outpointed Peter Mills, 147. Noel Ovington, 108, outscored Richard Windell, 122.
(03-01-83)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Australian flyweight champion Wayne Mulholland, 115¾, easily outpointed Kam Chand, 118, Fiji, 10. Wayne didn't lose a round; he was just too fast for the swinging Fijian. In fairness to Chand, however, he arrived in Australia at 11 o'clock the previous night.

Gary Corbett, 158, outpointed Nooky Curyer, 159¼, six.

Laurie Lauriano, 135, kayoed Jim Savo, 146¼, in the third round of a scheduled four.

Paul Bowman, 137, outscored Ross Felton, 138¼, four.

Bobby Mastro, 133¼, outpointed Harry Williams, 126¼, three.
(03-04-83)

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

▲**DARWIN—Workers Club**—Ricky Patterson, 154, kayoed Kelly Thompson, also 154, in the third round of a scheduled eight. Kelly was down in round one, Ricky in round two. Alec Ross, referee.

Six-rounders: Luke Manolas, 131, kayoed John Stanfield, also 131, in the first round John Marshall, 154, outscored Alan Wehrman, also 145. Paul Nuku, 166, stopped Alan Arabena, 168, on a cut eye in five.

Promoter—Max McMillan.
(02-22-83)

### QUEENSLAND

▲**BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel**—Graham Looker, 147, outpointed Guy Parker, also 147, 10.

Tommy West, 169, knocked out Abe Johnson, 172, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Brad Finn, 123, outscored Keith Arnold, 125, six.

Four-rounders: Brett Stalley, 161, stopped Paul Hayes, 156, in the first session. Dan Davies, 144, halted David Kickelo, 147, in the second. Ronald Doo, 139, kayoed Chris Hayward, 142, in the second.
(03-04-83)

### VICTORIA

▲**MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Australian lightweight title holder Barry Michael, 139¼, halted Aussie welter king Frank Ropis, 139½, in the 11th canto of a scheduled 12-round battle of champions. The two champs agreed to meet at 140, and that is where Ropis made his big mistake. Despite persistent claims that he's a junior welter, he is not. He'd not made 140 in more than three years, and doing it for this bout sapped his endurance.

It was a close toe-to-toe fight all the way—until about 25 seconds before the end of round 10. That's when Ropis fell apart. He managed to come out for the 11th, but was in no shape to continue, and his trainer threw the towel in after a few seconds. Referee Johnny Famechon acknowledged it and crowned Michael the winner. No title was at stake.

Town Hall was sold out weeks in advance at $40, $30, and $20. The Hall holds about 2,600. Michael and Ropis each received more than $20,000.

New South Wales boxers fared badly in the scheduled eight-round supports. Rocky Pirrottina, 136, kayoed Larry Valesini, 133, in the second. Tony Russell, 124½, knocked out Sparrow Freeman, 127, in the first. Johnny O'Connor, 127, halted Bernie Ellis, 127½, in the eighth and final frame.

Hans Hefner, 137½, outscored Dave Ramsden, 140¼, six.

## THAI RATINGS BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF MARCH 25, 1983)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Burirum Suenmisakavan
3. Mana Premchai

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Vacant
1. Kongrag Vorcharernrat
2. Petchsayarm Petcharern
3. Kanakorn Thaphoothai
4. Thom Singthanongsakdi

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Downthong Chuvatana
1. Jenrub Muangsurin
2. Suradej Klongphajorn

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Vacant
1. Phadedsuk Pisnurachan
2. Suban Muangsurin
3. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin
4. Kolnyuth Pornpanthumnu

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Nugprachan Kiatcumchai
1. Sak Saksuree
2. Dongprasert Sorsombutr
3. Santi Donjadee
4. Sansakdi Osodsapha
5. Phapan Sithsathaporn
6. Sungkud Saksuree
7. Thumngerng Rajarongmu

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan
2. Morksak Muangsurin
3. Dejumnuen Singthanongsak
4. Pornpanoi Ranokthai
5. Prasong Sithkempetch
6. Somkuen Pisanurachan
7. Arkadej Sithwatyairom

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Saksamai Chorsirirat
1. Manachai Sorvatana
2. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
3. Lamthong Sorphayathai
4. Kwangthongnoi Sithumnuen
5. Somdej Phumchai
6. Ali Baba Luklongtan
7. Yuthchai Charlermchaigym
8. Tournthanong Sornphajorn
9. Ram Chartbandit

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Prabtorani Luklumpakchee
1. Phayow Phooltharat
2. Phaktai Lipovitan-D
3. Nasai Charlermchaigym
4. Downoi Sithsanae
5. Suvan Silpaya
6. Chandang Singchuerung
7. Gun Keoprasert
8. Downroj Rojanaseree

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Sankumpang Bunthaveel
2. Dan Pisalchai
3. Thongberm Lukmat
4. Petchngam Chuvatana
5. Chalongchai Singcaltex
6. Veerachai Vongprasert
7. Nongberd Naphataya
8. Sornoi Jockygym
9. Prayurasak Muangsurin
10. Youngyoen Lukbunloe

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kwanjai Singchatvan
1. Samart Sakadam
2. Chalow Muangsurin
3. Jownaranoi Jomkatha
4. Srithancha Kiatchaiwat
5. Luk-odd Phitiporn
6. Pharmeechai Sithpornpan
7. Suriya Pratumvadee
8. Sarakam Boonset
9. Lui Sorthanikul
10. Thongtep Petchsriracha

Thai boxers ranked by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (3 WBA junior featherweight; 8 WBC); Pongpan Sawphayathai (7 WBC junior featherweight; 6 WBC), Kaosai Galassy (3 WBC junior bantamweight), Sak Sorchitalada (6 WBC junior flyweight).

## ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
## BY THE ORIENTAL & PACIFIC BOXING FEDERATION
## (AS OF MARCH 31, 1983)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
1. Maile Haumona (Australia)
2. Marc Ecimovic (Australia)
3. Larry Tattoo (Australia)
4. Daniel Saylor (Australia)
5. Reno Zurik (Australia)
6. Dan Carey (Australia)
7. Leo Moore (Australia)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
2. Phil McElwaine (Australia)
3. Gary Hubble (Australia)
4. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
5. Niki Skoric (Australia)
6. Daniel Saylor (Australia)
7. Peter Hewitt (Australia)
8. Reno Zurik (Australia)
9. Abe Johnson (Australia)
10. Young Stone (Australia)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
1. Graham Murray (Australia)
2. Byung-Rae Yuh (Korea)
3. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
4. Son-Kap Choi (Korea)
5. Phil McElwaine (Australia)
6. Clint Brown (Australia)
7. Peter Hewitt (Australia)
8. Tom West (Australia)
9. Ken Morris (Australia)
10. Abe Johnson (Australia)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Keitoku Senrima (Japan)
2. Chang-Il Lim (Korea)
3. Steve Dennis (Australia)
4. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
5. Kyung-Min Nah (Korea)
6. Suwarno (Indonesia)
7. Kenji Miyata (Japan)
8. Spider Davies (Australia)
9. Polly Pasireron (Australia)
10. Bong-Chul Kim (Korea)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
In-Chul Baek (Korea)
1. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
2. Kyung-Soon Kim (Korea)
3. Chong-Ho Kim (Korea)
4. Katsuhiro Sawada (Japan)
5. Jae-Hyung Yuh (Korea)
6. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
7. Yohi Arai (Japan)
8. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
9. Shinji Tojyo (Japan)
10. Chil-Do Bae (Korea)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
1. Jyunya Kushikino
2. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
3. Piet Gomies (Indonesia)
4. Mike de Guzman (Philippines)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
7. Young de la Cruz (Philippines)
8. Moh Solikin (Indonesia)
9. Kyu-Sang Yuh (Korea)
10. Tongta Kiatvayupak (Thailand)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Sang-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Ruben Rabago (Philippines)
2. Hwang Woo (Korea)
3. Ryutaro Otsuki (Japan)
4. Petchsayarm Petcharern (Thailand)
5. Thomas Americo (Indonesia)
6. Fernando Gloria (Philippines)
7. Kongrag Vorcharernrat (Thailand)
8. Kyung-Hwon Chae (Korea)
9. Brian Janssen (Australia)
10. Cisco Ferrer (Philippines)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rolando Aldemir (Philippines)
1. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)
2. Kyu-Woon Choi (Korea)
3. Jongjong Pacquing (Philippines)
4. Hong-Kyu Lim (Korea)
5. Downthong Chuvatana (Thailand)
6. Juari (Indonesia)
7. Cheyenne Yamamoto (Japan)
8. Flash Villamer (Philippines)
9. Barry Michael (Australia)
10. Jenrub Muangsurin (Thailand)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
1. Rod Sequenan (Philippines)
2. Yonekura Ikhoni (Japan)
3. Dong-Koo Woo (Korea)
4. Phadedsuk Pisnurachan (Thailand)
5. Albert Duldulao (Philippines)
6. Hyun-Kil Chun (Korea)
7. Luluk Ushwir (Indonesia)
8. Gary Williams (Australia)
9. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin (Thailand)
10. Nick Caputol (Philippines)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
1. Ronald Sumalis (Philippines)
2. Eijiro Kuruma (Japan)
3. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
4. Nugprachan Kiatcumchai (Thailand)
5. Sak Saksuree (Thailand)
6. Divino Inocian (Philippines)
7. Toshiyuki Tanaka (Japan)
8. Joko Arter (Indonesia)
9. Oh-Yung Lee (Korea)
10. Dennis Talbot (Australia)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Soon-Hyun Chung (Korea)
1. Monod (Indonesia)
2. Chan-Yung Chun (Korea)
3. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
4. Little Bangoyan (Philippines)
5. Dejvarin Hollywood (Thailand)
6. Jim Bowen (Australia)
7. Renato Paulino (Philippines)
8. Keiji Kawamura (Japan)
9. Seung-In Suh (Korea)
10. Morris Pastor (Philippines)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Shuichi Isogami (Japan)
2. Jun Simbajon (Philippines)
3. Edward (Indonesia)
4. Chung-Chul Park (Korea)
5. Saksamai Chorsirirat (Thailand)
6. Amado Cabato (Philippines)
7. Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
8. Willie White (Australia)
9. Makoto Taguchi (Japan)
10. Manachai Sorvatana (Thailand)

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
1. Jackal Maruyama (Japan)
2. Diego de Villa (Philippines)
3. Hi-Yun Chung (Korea)
4. Prabtorani Luklumpakchee (Thailand)
5. Wongso Indrajid (Indonesia)
6. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
7. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
8. Pat Bracero (Philippines)
9. Phayow Phooltharat (Thailand)
10. Elly Pical (Indonesia)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hi-Sop Shin (Korea)
1. Yuto Kazaki (Japan)
2. Wick Tengam (Philippines)
3. Soong-Jung Kang (Korea)
4. Sankumpang Bunthavee (Thailand)
5. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
6. Munadi (Indonesia)
7. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
8. Yoshiyuki Uchida (Japan)
9. Allan Makitoki (Philippines)
10. Steve Bell (Australia)

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dodie (Boy) Penalosa (Philippines)
1. Katsumi Sato (Japan)
2. Mun-Jin Choi (Korea)
3. Little Baguio (Philippines)
4. Sung-Nam Kim (Korea)
5. Romy Austria (Philippines)
6. Masaharu Iha (Japan)
7. Kwanjai Singchatvan (Thailand)
8. Tabagus Jaya (Indonesia)
9. Soon-Yun Mah (Korea)
10. Junior Thompson (Australia)

The OPBF does not rank boxers ranked by the WBC or WBA.

Dan Wilson, 177, halted John Walsh, 170, on a cut eye in the second round of a scheduled four.
(02-16-83)

RAY MITCHELL

## PHILIPPINES

**▲MANILA—Eduardo's Supper Club**—Filipino flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 112, the WBC's ninth ranked flyweight, retained his crown by chalking up a TKO win over Allan Makitoki, also 112, in the sixth round of a scheduled 12. Sonny Padilla, referee.

In the semi, Neptali Alamag, a veteran campaigner at 119½, won a technical decision over Boy Chua, 120, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Alamag, the WBA's fourth ranked bantie, showed his superiority, and Larry Nadayag, the GAB (Games and Amusements Board) referee, wisely called a halt.

Nick Dalisay, 112, unanimously decisioned Domy Ursua, Jr., 112, eight.

Alejandro Tipon, 124½, stopped July Lunario, 124½, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Jun Maniba, 124, earned a majority decision over Roland Angel, 123, in the six-round opener.

Jessie Abrea, promoter. Voltaire Reverente and Virgilio de los Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(01-21-83)

**▲BAGUIO—Baguio College Foundation**—Having been stopped by Hector Camacho in the U.S., lefty Johnny Sato, 140, returned to his native country and eked out a split decision over Little Balsigan, 132½, 10. Despite their difference in weight, Johnny couldn't overpower Balsigan. Onofre Perez, referee.

In the semi-final 10, Sugar Ray Roland, 136, TKO'd Joval de Rama, 135, in the third round. Vic Valdez, referee.

Ermie Catalina, 119, halted Jimmy Boy, 115, in the seventh session of a 10.

Andy Saxon, 132, outscored Fernando Nercua, 139, in the first 10.

Tony Agalitiw, 117, fought to a majority draw with Teddy Mondejar, 110½, eight.

Bert Gomez, 121, stopped Elmer Pendong, 122, in six.

Frank Domino, 118½, earned a majority nod over Constancio Dangla, 120, in the four-round opener.

Rolando Mendoza, promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(01-15-83)

**▲MINDORO**—Sandy Noora, the GAB's second ranked junior featherweight at 126, pounded out a unanimous decision over Lito Pablo, 126, 10.

Dommy Pumar, 120, won a split decision over Herbert Aragon, 121, 10. Preliminary: Telly Sauro, 124, won from Eugenio Nardo, 125, in the eight round opener.

Loring Bamboa, promoter.

Danny Rodenas, GAB witness.
(01-22-83)

**▲CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Rising Jun Simbajon, 120 won a unanimous nod over Mac Espanola, 119, 10.

Little Baguio, 111¾, unanimously beat Elmer Magallano, 112¼, in the semi-final 10.

Pat Bracero, 116, was a unanimous victor over Edgar Palasan, 118, 10. In the first 10, Young Depio, 117, decisively outscored Zaldy Lingo-Lingo, 122.

Dr. Antonio Almirante, promoter.
(01-15-83)

**▲KAPALONG, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Gil Ragas, 114, the GAB's eighth ranked junior bantie, won a unanimous decision over Danny Grey, also 114, 10.

Manuel Villan, promoter.
(01-15-83)

**▲MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Hard-hitting Carlos Parcia, 135, chalked up a TKO victory over Edmar Cordova, 131, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(01-22-83)

**▲QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—Former WBC super featherweight champion Rolando Navarrete, 124½, appeared in his second showing since he was dethroned by Bazooka Limon last year, and scored a TKO over Saul Mayren, a Mexican import at 129, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Navarette connected with more than 10 consecutive blows, and referee Tom Evaristo didn't hesitate to declare a stoppage. (However, despite the GAB's record, Navarette's weight might have been 134½ pounds.)

In the semi-final, Rod Sequenan, the GAB's top junior lightie, 130, scored a big win over Ralph Aviles, a highly regarded Hawaiian, also 130, by copping a unanimous decision, 10. Aviles, the WBC's 20th ranked 130-pounder, had been a pre-fight favorite, but Rod's fighting spirit overwhelmed the visitor. Thanks to this important victory, Sequenan was named "Boxer of the Month" by the GAB.

Amy Pacana, 133½, won a unanimous nod over Geron Porras, 133, 10.

Pablo Pepito, 118, dropped a unanimous duke to Amado Cabato, also 118, 10.

Danny Canada, 124½, fought to a draw with Ben Estallo, 124½, in the first 10.

Rey Gallana, 118, won from Juanito Favila, 120, eight.

Guiller de Gala, 111, eked out a majority nod over Rocky Alapitan, 112½, six.

Jun Tito, 116½, beat Sammy Aquilina, 118½, in the six-round opener.

Romulo Santiago, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Virgilio de los Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(01-28-83)

**▲TALAVERA, NUEVA ECIJA**—Veteran Fred Pastor, 145, battled to a majority draw with Cisco Ferrer, also 145, 10. O. Perez, referee.

Dony Soriano, 135, scored a fine TKO over Fernando Nercua, also 135, in the fourth round of the semi-final 10.

Roland Maxwell, 121, outscored Star Danabistado, 122, in the six-round opener.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(01-29-83)

**▲MONCADA, TARLAC**—Ramon Arlantico, 127¾, won a unanimous decision over Eduardo Garcia, 128, six.

Mario Clara, promoter.

Virgilio S. de los Reyes and Mauro Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(01-29-83)

**▲PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Hard punching Joe Hiyas, 120½, scored an impressive technical knockout over Thai Lamthong Sorphayathai, 120½, in the fourth round of a 10. Col. Deocariza called a halt.

In the semi, Rene Busayong, a lefty at 114½, stopped Rodrigo Saonoy, 115, in the fifth canto of a 10.

Zaldy Ovillo, 133, TKO'd Edixon Saladas, 133, in the sixth and final round.

Dionisio Castillo, 139, eked out a majority nod over Freddie Longcayana, 142, six.

Pablito Lazola, 120, won from Junior Payod, 119½, six.

Four rounders: Robert Palaret, 110, decisioned Roel Loma, 110½. Rod Delmer, 113, outscored Rodel Asehan, 111. Efren Aranas, 120, tabbed a TKO over Bon Hermo, 119. Steve Ponan, 110, stopped Raul Madrigal, 112½, in the third canto. Sonny Boy Abelardo, 115, took a; split decision over Julius Olegario, 113, in the opener.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprise.

Bendicto Ronquillo, GAB witness.
(01-29-83)

**▲DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym**—Filipino junior welterweight boss Ruben Rabago, 145, defeated Willie Makitoki, also 145, by a unanimous decision in a non-title 10.

Having scored an upset TKO over ex-WBC flyweight champ Chan-Hee Park in Korea, Wick Tengam, 114, lost a unanimous nod to Ric Barimbad, also 114, 10.

Jun Escalera, 135, the GAB's number four lightweight, was awarded a split decision over Deo Rabago, also 135, 10.

Nick Caputol, 135, needed only two rounds to finish Noldo Lancian, 131, in the first 10.

Abelardo Tecson, Jr. promoter.
(01-29-83)

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## NEW ZEALAND

**▲AUCKLAND**—George Stankovich, 221, won the New Zealand heavyweight title by stopping defending champion Young

Sekona, 206, at 1:50 of the third round. A volley of straight punches — the speed of which would have done credit to a flyweight — had Sekona sagging on the ropes when referee Beavan Weir called a halt. Stankovich is still undefeated.

David Stowers, 140, won the vacant New Zealand junior welter title with a ninth round TKO over Rodney Brown, 139.

Saia Gasio, 169½, knocked out Sam Creighton, 170, with a left hook to the body in round seven.

Komisi Samu, 170½, outpointed Craig Parsons, 163½, six. Good action contest.

Promoter—Mike Edwards.

Attendance—2,000.

(03-30-83)

**▲ALEXANDRA PARK—Outdoor Raceway—**British light heavyweight champion Tom Collins, 173¾, outpointed New Zealand title holder Alex Sua, 173, 12. Sua threatened often, but he failed to deliver.

Musa Stone, 132, New Zealand, easily outscored Australian veteran Rex Cannon, also 132, 10.

Promoter—Rex Hill.

Attendance—6,000.

(04-09-83)

JOHNNY HANKS

## THAILAND

**▲BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring—**Man Sot Chitalda, 112, the WBC's sixth ranked junior flyweight, won a decision over veteran Suriya Pratumvadee, also 112, six.

U.S. impresario Don King was at ringside. He came to Thailand in order to negotiate a WBC super bantamweight title go between Wilfredo Gomez and Pongpan Sorphayathai, Thai kayo artist.

(01-23-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Chalongchai Singcaltez, 110, the Thailand Commission's third ranked flyweight, came off the canvas in the first round and knocked out Srinakorn Kiatsontaya, 109, at 2:36 of the next session in a six.

It was the loser's first international style bout.

(01-24-83)

**▲BANGKOK-Rajadamnern Stadium—**Songkiat Pholpracha, 110, scored an upset decision over Taksin Muangsurin, 108, six.

(01-26-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Samart Sakadam, 113, the TBC's top junior flyweight, took a decision from Lui Sorthanikul, 112, six.

(01-27-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Former *Muay Thai* (national kick boxing) campaigner Petnoi Sithpiboon, 113, scored a quick knockout of Petch Sukhothai, 112, in 56 seconds of the opening session in a scheduled six.

(01-28-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Very hard punching Kwangthongnoi Sithumnuen, the TBC's number four 118-pounder, at the limit, took only 83 seconds of the first round to demolish Somchai Singsongphol, also 118, in a scheduled six.

**▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Ex-amateur boxer Somboonyos Singsam-ang, 116, easily polished off taller Boonruong Laudayuthaya, also 116, at 2:14 of the second round in a scheduled six.

(02-01-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**The prize of the winner seemed a bit strange: a 17″ TV set.

Saracarm Boonset, 109, scored an upset knockout over Singthong Kiatsingnoi, 110, in 1:46 of the second round in a scheduled six. It was a kind of a Novice King match, and the TV set went to Boonset.

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**An upset! Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana engaged in a tune-up go prior to his scheduled entry in the OPBF lightweight eliminator. (The title was vacated by Deuk-Koo Kim's death last year.) However, Downthong, 136, dropped an unexpected decision to Suban Muangsurin, also 136, the GAB's number two featherweight, six. Downthong, the OPBF's third ranked light, explained his upset defeat as the result of a virus infection suffered three days before this fight. Despite his loss to Suban, Downthong will fight Filipino Roland Aldemir in his quest for the vacant OPBF crown.

(02-04-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Somdej Phumchai, 122, the GAB's fourth ranked bantamweight, won a decision over Chalor Kiatkosol, 121, six.

(02-05-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Unbeaten Sunkampang Boonthavee, 108, had been an underdog due to his lack of experience, but he won the Stadium's junior flyweight title by stopping Chalow Muangsurin, the TBC's second ranked 108-pounder at the limit, at 1:19 of the ninth round in a 10. Sunkampang hit the deck for the count of nine in the second round, but Chalow collapsed from the youngster's wicked body shots. Sunkampang is now 10-0 with seven kayoes.

(02-08-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's third ranked junior featherweight at 124, was badly battered by Korean Duk-Hwan Bae, the KBC's number two at 124½, but fought back hard to win via decision, 10.

Bae was in complete command in rounds three to five, but suddenly ran out of gas.

In the semi, ex-Olympic bronze medalist Phayow Phoontharat, 115, had a tough time against Alonzo B. Gonzalez, Californian veteran, 114, and eked out a close but unanimous decision, 10.

(02-10-83)

**▲BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Samart Sakadam, 113, the TBC's top ranked junior flyweight, earned a unanimous decision over Borwonmongkol Singchaowang, an old soldier at 114, six.

(02-14-83)

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# WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

### HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes W 12 Lucien Rodriguez
(Retained World Title)
Pinklon Thomas KO 10 George Chaplin
James Tillis W 10 Leroy Boone
George Chaplin W disq. 9 Earnie Shavers
Marvis Frazier W 10 James Broad
John Tate W 10 Donnie Long
Scott LeDoux W 10 Ken Arlt
Tommy "Franco" Thomas KO 2 Ed Smith
James "Bonecrusher" Smith KO 2 Nate Robinson
James "Bonecrusher" Smith KO 2 Sugar Lee Cohen
Tony Tubbs W 10 Jimmy Young
Joe Bugner KO 9 Danny Sutton
Eddie Gregg KO 3 Willie Albritton
Elijah Tillery KO 1 Lou Alexander
Henry Hearns W 12 Roger Braxton
Tom Trimm W 8 Milton Jarrells
Jack Cicero KO 1 John Ortiz
Walter Santemore KO 4 Clarence Hill
Danny Sutton KO 1 George Johnson
David Pearce KO 1 Al Syben
Guido Trane KO 5 Steve Connolly
Eddie Gonzales KO 2 Willie Goodman
Carl Williams KO 2 Robert Hill
Bill Thomas KO 1 Bryan Bourgeois
Carlos Hernandez KO 1 Willis Ray Cowell
Stan Ward W 10 Marty Capasso
Vic Valentino W 12 Leon Taylor
Gord Racette KO 2 Tom Prater

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Eric Winbush KO 3 Matthew Saad Muhammad
Mike Rossman W 10 Charlie Smith
Richie Kates W 10 Jeff Lampkin
Eddy Melo KO 1 Columbus Lloyd
Elvis Parks KO 4 Chuck Warfield
Khoren Perzigian KO 4 Tim Greene
Jerome Clouden W 12 Jerry Celestine
Reggie Gross KO 7 Blufort Spencer
John Odhiambo KO 3 Georg Butzbach
Louis Pergaud KO 6 Michael Madsen
Tony Green KO 10 Jack Johnson
Tom Collins W 12 Alex Sua
Saia Gasio KO 7 Sam Creighton
Richie Bennett KO 5 Tony Campbell
Tim Broady KO 1 Leroy James
Ric Lainhart KO 2 Linwood Allen

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Robbie Sims KO 5 Tony Chiaverini
Mardo Roybal KO 5 John Vasquez
Alex Ramos W 10 Mark Frazie
Alex Ramos W 10 J.B. Williamson
Curtis Parker W 10 Tony Braxton
Hilario (Lalo) Capetillo KO 7 Frankie King
Larry McCall KO 8 Jimmy Gradson
Johnny Nava W 8 Pedro Guerrero
Bruce Calloway KO 1 Manuel Morgan
Tony Jenkins KO 1 Earl Edwards
Keith James W 8 Conrad Oscar
Terry Crawley W 8 Danny Chapman
Ken Whetstone KO 1 Art Buchanan
Dexter Bowman KO 1 Ramon Perez

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gary Guiden KO 3 Danny Miller
Germain Le Maitre W 12 Yvon Segar
Deometres Colome KO 2 Roberto Leyva
Mick Courtney W 8 Phil O'Hare
Helier Custos KO 2 Bruce Strauss
Mike Pollitt D 6 Bruce Strauss
Kenny Butler W 8 Michael Herron
Robbie Sims KO 5 Tony Chiaverini
Roberto Colon KO 1 Rocky Fratto
Dexter Smith KO 2 Pedro Valdez
Calvin Porter KO 10 Freddie Boynton
Danny Long W 12 Mark Mainero
(Retained New England Title)

### WELTERWEIGHTS

Nino LaRocca KO 8 Bobby Joe Young
Nino LaRocca KO 5 Robert Sawyer
Louie Mateo KO 1 John Lakin
Bert Myrie KO 1 Sylvester Gordon
Rick Craney W 10 Charlie Jones
Orlando Orozco KO 3 Pedro Vizcano
Tommy Ayers KO 1 Dominic Fox
Ken Shannon KO 1 Don Morgan
Fitzroy Guisseppi KO 3 Wesley Felix
Alston Cameron KO 1 Doky Payan

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Aaron Pryor KO 3 Sang Hyun Kim
(Retained World Title)
Johnny Bumphus KO 6 Michael Bradley
Hugo Luero D 10 Adolfo Arce Rossi
Andy Nance W 8 Leland Hart
Robert Rucker KO 5 Frankie Davis
Ricky Pappa KO 2 Mike Norman
Clint McKenzie W 12 Alan Lamb
Brian Janssen KO 7 Chris Sanigar
Rudy Fuentes KO 5 Gary Brown
Libardo Barrios KO 2 Enrique Roman
David Stowers KO 9 Rodney Brown
(For Vacant New Zealand Title)
Vito Maselli KO 3 Mike Penderman
Juan Arroyo W 10 Fernando Martinez
Greg Haugen W 10 Chuck Peralta
Darryl Richardson KO 2 Ira Robinson

### LIGHTWEIGHTS

Howard Davis W 10 George Feeney
Robin Blake KO 10 Ruben Munoz
Nick Furlano W 12 Louie Loy
Harry Arroyo KO 2 Robert Garcia
Marcos Segovia W 10 Luis Escamilla
Eddie Richardson KO 4 Rick Clements
Eddie Richardson KO 6 Gary Vinet
Gonzalo Montellano KO 2 Terry Medley
Tony Willis KO 4 Robbie Robinson
Jerome Artis W 8 Mike Drayton
Curtis Roach KO 4 Aaron Evans
Julio Melone W 12 Jose I. Funes
(Retained Cordoba Lightweight Title)
Darryl Tyson KO 6 Mike Monette
Jose Rodriguez KO 2 Michael Golden
Bobby Johnson W 8 Fred Pendleton
Bobby Johnson W 8 Ken Willis
Hong-Kyu Lim KO 8 Koki Higashi
Kyu-Woon Choi KO 7 Chong Hak Lee
(Retained Korean Title)
Alfredo Escalera KO 1 Trad Thompson
Braulio Santiesteban W 8 Carlos Albuerne
Herminio Hernandez KO 3 Emilio Diaz
Luis Urraca W 8 Clemente Rojas

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Roger Mayweather KO Jorge Alvarado
Benny Contreras KO 3 Larry Hernandez
Musa Sione W 10 Rex Cannon
Dave Hamilton KO 3 Rick Carey
Sammy Ayala KO 6 Efrain Olivo
Paul Lee W 8 Carlos Albuerne

### FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eusebio Pedroza W 15 Rocky Lockridge
(Retained World Title)
Loris Stecca KO 5 Steve Sims
(Retained EBU Title)
Carlos Vega W 10 Henry Torres
Idabeth Rojas W 10 Carlos Bejarano
Felipe Orozco KO 1 Moro Clowney
Roberto Arredodno KO 5 Higashi Ogiwara
Richard Savage KO 1 Antonio Nieves

### BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alvaro Ramos W 10 Juan Romero
Jovito Rengifo W 10 Siony Carupo
Freddy Jackson W 10 Andres Hernandez
Sugar Rojas KO 3 Cocoa Guadamuz
John Farrell KO 7 George Bailey
Mike Moreno KO 1 Pedro Lopez
Sonny Long W 8 Darrell Jones

### FLYWEIGHTS

Katsuo Tokashiki D 15 Lupe Madera
(Retained WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Jung-Koo Chang KO 3 Hilario Zapata
(Won WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Agustin Higirio KO 5 Virgilio Palomo
(Won Colombian Flyweight Title)
Jose Iriarte KO 3 Carlos Sanchez
Chong-Kwon Chung D 8 Kyung-Shik Park
Tetsuo Fukushima KO 1 Masahiro Onishi
Takefumi Taiho W 10 Eduardo Acosta
Juan Bissono W 8 Richard Clarke

# TEOFILO STEVENSON wants to fight Larry Holmes. And Larry Holmes wants to fight Teofilo Stevenson. 'Twill the twain ever meet? ¶There's lots of room for doubt. For starters, Cuba's Teo, the world's best amateur super heavyweight, wants the bout to be three rounds, using amateur rules. World heavyweight champion Holmes wants a four rounder, using professional rules. Can they agree?

BY BOB TAYLOR

ASIDE FROM THE BICKERING ONE MIGHT expect over the site, officials and dozens of minor details, there is the bald fact that the current Administration and Fidel Castro don't get along. Nohow. No way. Nowhere. You can't minimize the ability of either government to create a snafu with miles of red tape.

On the other hand, to use an old adage, money talks, baloney walks. Holmes, a man familiar with megabucks, summed it up this way: "It's a fight I think the world would want to see. I know the networks would jump on it and I'd want to promote it myself."

Assuming the bout is made, who would win? Well, ever since Pete Rademacher came straight out of the Olympic Games in 1957 to take the first round from then heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and then deck Floyd in the second before being kayoed in the sixth, I've been wary about automatically predicting a pro the winner against an amateur.

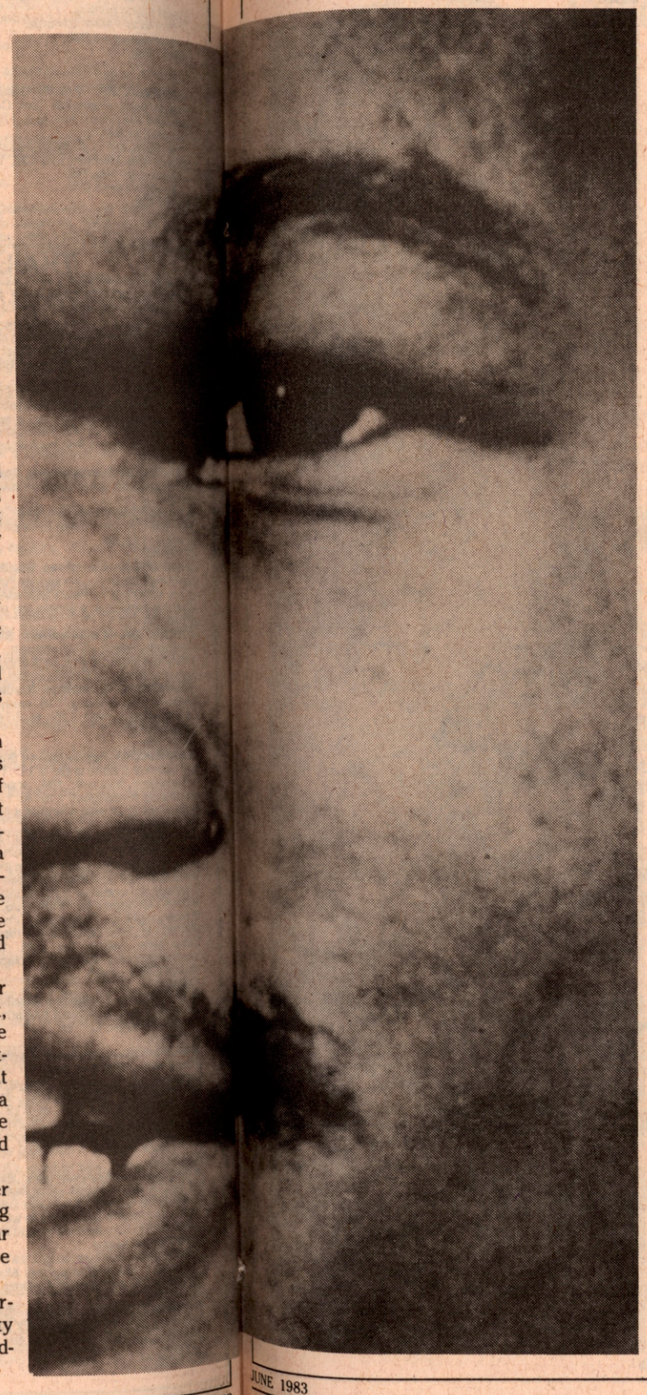
Of course, in Stevenson's case, you're not dealing with an amateur in the commonly accepted sense of that term outside the various curtains—iron, bamboo and sugar. You're dealing with a state-supported athlete who would have turned pro years ago had he been living in the free world.

In several other ways, a comparison with the Patterson-Rademacher matchup is tenuous, at best. Rademacher, at the top of his game, was a far cry in natural talent from Teofilo Stevenson, a man who has captured three Olympic gold medals and is a good bet for a fourth in 1984. Also, knocking down Patterson was no magic feat. The heavyweight champ always had trouble with balance, both in the amateurs and pros.

If Rademacher was no Stevenson, neither was Patterson a Larry Holmes. In part, nature made this so. Winner of the 165-pound crown in the 1952 Olympics, Patterson never grew beyond cruiserweight proportions. It was his fate to be fighting at a time when behemoths with ability, like Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston, roamed the landscape.

Aside from size, Patterson also never developed into the all-around fighting machine Holmes is today. Floyd was far from being a chump champ, but Larry is one of the best.

Larry's hand and foot speed, rich repertoire of punches, skill at slipping and ability to change direction would be too formidable an arsenal for Teofilo to overcome.



# THE BIG PRO-AM MATCHUP: LARRY SI, TEOFILO NO

Let's say amateur rules are agreed upon and the bout is held over three rounds. Here's one probable scenario as I see it:

Round I—Teofilo comes out stalking, as usual. Larry moves to the center, but then starts circling the Cuban giant, changing direction frequently. Stevenson appears perplexed. He holds his left far out, more in an East European than a Cuban style. He uses his left much as a fencer uses a foil, probing with it. It's his range finder. He keeps his right, the hand with the grenade in it, cocked close to his body. Larry flicks repeated jabs, stinging the Cuban and keeping him off balance. Two or three times during the round, he catches Teo with rights, one time stopping him in his tracks. Teo paws with his left, a few times lets go of the right. One grazes Larry, the others he easily slips. They come close several times. Whenever Teo gets in close, into a clinch, he acts as if he is being embraced by an ugly girl. Through choice or mere inability, he takes no action inside, appears flustered and tries to get back out to long range where he can unload his right-hand bomb. Larry rips off several hooks and uppercuts in close. Round to Holmes, 20-19.

Round II—The pattern set in the first round continues. But a minute into the first, Stevenson catches Holmes flush with a right cross. Holmes staggers but experience first puts him on his bicycle and then in close, where Stevenson can't get needed leverage. Larry, through skillful combinations, fights his way back. Stevenson bends his knees, shoots a hard straight right to Larry's ribs when Larry throws a jab. Larry winces. This tactic worked successfully against Tyrell Biggs, U.S. amateur super heavy champion. And it works at first against Holmes. Teofilo tosses a thunderous left hook to the body. Larry moves outside, keeping Stevenson off balance with jabs. Round to Stevenson, 20-19.

Round III—Larry, looking fresher than Stevenson, pulls out all the stops. He untracks Stevenson with jabs. He exchanges with the taller man, drawing punches with feints, left leads, and then beating Stevenson to the punch with combinations of three, four punches. He stays at mid-range, so that Stevenson's blows overreach his head, and then answers with hooks and ripping uppercuts. The Cuban, who is now taking three, four blows for every punch he throws, has courage but his face is showing the effects of the blows. The round ends with Holmes driving Stevenson against the ropes and throwing numerous combinations. The Cuban giant looks helpless as the referee steps in to give him a standing 8-count. The bell rings. Round to Holmes, 20-18.

Four judges vote for Holmes, one for Stevenson. The latter bases his decision on ideology.

Of course. the scenario could be changed by that equalizer, that lightning bolt right that Stevenson carries, always at the ready. He could catch Larry like an Earnie Shavers or Renaldo Snipes did and it could be Good Night, Irene. On the other hand, Larry has taken the heavy artillery of the aforementioned plus Ken Norton, Gerry Cooney, Mike Weaver and Trevor Berbick, to name a few, and remains unbeaten.

The big key is Stevenson's immobility, his basically one-track style. Larry is too versatile, too imaginative a boxer for the hero of Cuba.

Larry's amateur record was 19-3, with losses suffered to Nick Wells and Duane Bobick. But he has developed far beyond

***In the 10 years that he has been fighting professionally, Larry Holmes has progressed from a capable but raw fighter with questionable heart into a determined Heavyweight Champion who could have made a good match with the greatest heavyweights of all-time.***

those amateur days, far beyond Wells, beyond Bobick, beyond anyone in the heavyweight picture. And therein lies the key: Larry's development as a professional while Teo has been battling the world's amateurs.

Some observers have looked at Larry's last two fights, against Randall Cobb and Lucien Rodriguez, and noted that he didn't put them away, although he completely outclassed them, thereby concluding that his skills have declined.

Whether he's gone slightly over the hill or merely is in stasis, he'd prove too much for Stevenson. And talk about decline. Holmes is 33. Stevenson, at 32, has shown more signs of age. Last year, at the World Amateur Boxing Championships in Munich, he lost roundly to Italy's Francesco Damiani. At the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, he looked slow and ponderous and was forced to go the distance against two of four of his opponents.

In 1978, Jimmy Clark of Coatesville, Pa., was ahead on points going into the third round when he got nailed by a Stevenson right. Many fans thought he would have taken the next match with Stevenson, had not the Cuban referee, Romelio Santiago, kept breaking Clark's concentration by calling imaginary infractions and stopping the action whenever Stevenson appeared to be in trouble.

True, Teofilo did redeem himself late last year against Tyrell Biggs, stopping the U.S. super heavy king at the end of two. He looked overwhelming in beating Biggs, who couldn't compete in the U.S. Amateur Boxing Championships last December because of the bruised ribs he suffered in that fight.

But his victory over Tyrell may not mean much. The Philadelphia fighter's style is made to order for the Cuban. A boxer primarily, Biggs stays outside, at the end of Teo's dynamite punches. Crowding him is one way of beating him, as Russian Igor Vysotsky and Italian Damiani showed. Biggs also doesn't yet have the punch to keep a Stevenson away.

So, you say, Holmes won't crowd him. And won't Holmes stay on the outside? Well, Holmes will be in and out, confusing Stevenson. On the outside, he has enough sting to keep Teo off balance, hurt him too much to allow him to get set.

Muhammad Ali-Teofilo Stevenson, although bruited about, never came off. Larry Holmes-Teofilo Stevenson may.

A victory for Teo in the Los Angeles Olympics also would add more allure to a Holmes-Stevenson match. And, Holmes, who possibly will have retired or be about to retire by then—having conquered all, or most, of the worthy heavies in the pro ranks—can cap his career by beating the most well-known amateur of them all.

***Teofilo Stevenson has been fighting inexperienced boys instead of seasoned pros, depriving the Cuban heavyweight of the opportunity to develop into the great fighter that he had the potential to become. Now 32, has Teo "missed the boat?"***

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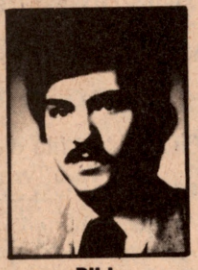

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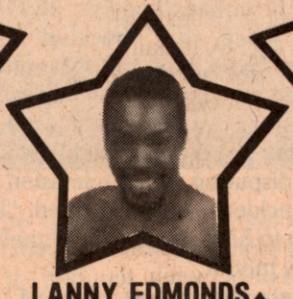

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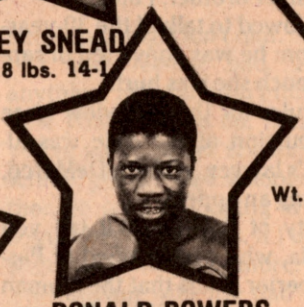

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# TONY AYALA'S FIRST INTERVIEW BEHIND BARS

**TONY AYALA JR. TOLD HIS WIFE not to wait for him, that he wasn't "good enough for her." That was before the trial that ended with his conviction for rape. ¶ He said his mother told him that "It'll work out," that "I took too many things for granted, and God is teaching me a lesson." ¶ Now, nervously chain-smoking through an interview at the Passaic County Jail in Paterson, N.J., the 20-year-old undefeated boxer told of his fears as he awaited sentencing. He could get up to 45 years, not counting another 10 years in Texas for violating probation in an earlier conviction.**

BY MICHAEL KATZ

"I'M NOT AFRAID FOR ME," HE SAID. "I'M afraid for my family, I'm afraid for the things I lost, the things I don't want to face."

He wore ill-fitting brown fatigues with "Passaic County Jail" stenciled on the right leg of his pants as he sat in an assistant warden's office. The walls were covered with pictures of famous boxers like Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, Wilfred Benitez, all men Ayala had hoped to fight—and expected to beat.

He talked little of the great boxing career that now seems ended, but much about how he was "a failure as a man" at the age of 20, and even more about the people he hurt. His wife, his parents, his brothers, especially his younger brother, Paulie.

He was not allowed to talk of the 30-year-old teacher whom he was convicted of raping; or of how much she was hurt.

The ground rules for the interview were simple: No discussion of the case was allowed by Ayala's lawyer, William DeMarco, who was planning an appeal.

"I'm not guilty of the case, I'll tell you that," said Ayala, who had testified in Passaic County Superior Court that the woman had invited him into her West Paterson apartment. "I feel guilty that I left myself open for this."

He was marked as "Boxing Bad Boy" on the cover of a recent Ring magazine, even before he was arrested for attempted rape and assault in his hometown of San Antonio and placed on 10 years's probation last August, after being arrested for burglary in San Antonio—the charges were dropped—he acknowledged that he was an alcoholic. Later, he spent 26 days in a California alcohol-and-drug rehabilitation center.

In the ring, too, he went beyond the rules, hitting with glee after the bell or even after he already had knocked out his opponent. Once, after knocking out a Mexican fighter who had been taunting him, he leaned over his fallen opponent and spat on him.

"That never happened," he said again in jail, disputing what television pictures of the incident clearly showed. "I said something to him, and maybe something fell out of my mouth."

Ayala said he was aware of "how people feel about me, about my parents, my father, especially."

He does not like the common belief that he has been rebelling, perhaps subconsciously, against his father, a tough disciplinarian who used to scream when his son was having a bad day in the gym, that he was paying too much attention to school. One of the first things Ayala did when he was arrested in January was to shave off his mustache, which he said he grew "to look like my father." He said he had let down his parents, and that he felt he "could have done a lot better with my life."

People believe what they want to believe," Ayala said. "But they don't know about my private life. I do a lot of things which would go against how people say I am. There's a kid I helped out in San Antonio and a boy in Mexico. I was planning to adopt the boy. He's 9 or 10 years old. I got involved with him through something like a 'Save the Children' program. I always wanted to grow up with a child. It was something I wanted since I was very young."

"The way I fight is not me. Boxing was my only way of expressing myself. When somebody insults me, I tighten my jaws, sure. But it's not that I'm violent."

The boxer's image was why he did not want his brother Paulie, 17 years old and a top amateur prospect, to fight. Ayala was estranged from his two older brothers, Mike and Sammy, who are also professional fighters and who also got into trouble. But Paulie was something special. The only time tears formed in his eyes during the 90-minute interview were when he spoke of Paulie, whom he has not seen since his arrest.

"The only time I spoke to him at all was when I called home one day and Paulie an-

swered," said Ayala. "I had him put my dad on. My dad doesn't want him to fight now, for obvious reasons. But I know he wants to fight, and I just hope my dad doesn't make a 180-degree turn. Paulie's a good boy. I wish he was my older brother, I wish he could have guided me more. What's he going to think of this?"

Ayala said he did not wish a boxing career for Paulie because the public doesn't "see you as a person any more."

"In my case, I was a monster, an animal, a violent person," he said, a touch of bitterness in his voice about the way he was perceived.

But he said he "never could blame boxing." His father, Tony Sr., had taught him that boxing was the only way out for Mexicans in San Antonio. Young Tony was, in the words of his promoter, Dan Duva, "bred to be a fighter." He had started when he was 5 years old and has not lost since he was 8. As a professional, he was undefeated in 22 bouts and was ranked as the No. 1 junior middleweight contender by the World Boxing Association. He was ready to sign a million-dollar contract to fight Davey Moore for the 154-pound title. Duva, among others, believes that it was no coincidence that Ayala's trouble with the law last August came just before he was to have a $750,000 fight with Roberto Duran.

Duva believes the big-fight pressures, and the "fear of failing or letting down his father" may be underlying causes for Ayala's problems, especially since Ayala was taught not to show emotion outside the ring.

"A lot of people told me I'm afraid of failure," said Ayala. "That bothers me, I've never faced failure at anything. But I failed in this, obviously . . . I've been places people only dream of being, and sometimes I wish I could've been a common construction worker."

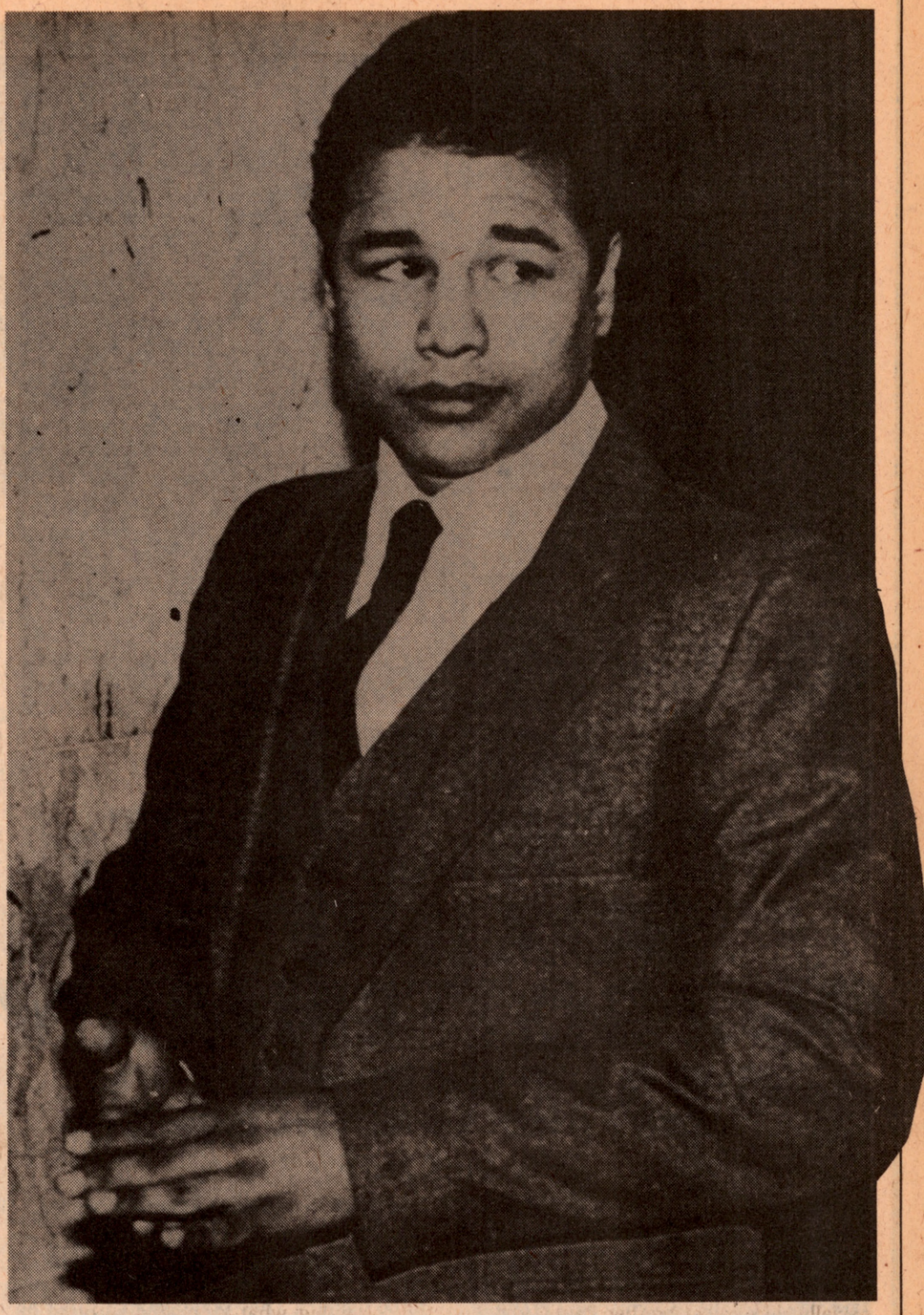
Yet, at another point in the interview, Ayala said, "I never thought much of myself to begin with." Only in the ring did Ayala ever exude confidence.

He lives in a large cell with about other 20 inmates. He said it was difficult now "not waking up next to my wife." He admitted that, regardless of the circumstances that led to his arrest in the rape case, he had "cheated" on his wife, Lisa.

"I have a perfect wife who's in love with me," he said. "If we don't get back together, she's going to make somebody a perfect wife, whoever's lucky enough to marry her."

He said he discussed a divorce with her before the trial.

"She said it wasn't the right time to talk about it," said Ayala. "I told her I wish she would wait for me for 40, 30 years. But she's human. I wouldn't want her to do it."



He said he hoped he would get some form of psychiatric treatment in prison.

"I want to find out some answers to questions I have," he said, adding, "I'm in no way sick or anything like that."

Would he want to continue his boxing career in prison, even though he would be ineligible for a title fight, the way James Scott did at Rahway?

"I don't think so," he said quickly, "I don't know. I want to get my education. I got some good advice today. This guy inside said when you get convicted, people tend to think that you're dead, but you've got to keep on going. Don't quit.

"I was feeling bad. I wasn't doing anything. He said 'Don't think of how much time you're gonna do, think of how much you're going to get ahead.' I want to go to school, get my high school equivalency and then go on. I'm looking at different fields, computers and things. If I do time, I know I won't be boxing any more. I'll get involved with boxing with my dad when I get out. I've got to plan ahead."

He did not talk much about life in jail. "I'm going to be here awhile," he explained with a smile.

# JERSEY JOE WALCOTT: BOXING'S 'FORGOTTEN MAN' REMEMBERED

BY JACK SHER

ON THE GLASS IN THE DIRTY, WOODEN door at 221 Market Street, the large black letters read CAMDEN ATHLETIC CORPORATION. Underneath, in smaller letters, it said Felix Bocchicchio, Promoter. The place was squeezed between a small barber shop and a dusty, ancient cigar store. Across the street was a soup factory, flanked on either side by warped, gray, frame buildings. On the corner was Homo's Cafe, owned by Joe Webster, fight manager.

It was a wretched, indolent, sweltering street in Summer, a harsh, malignant street in the cold, slushy days of the New Jersey Winter. On this day, in one of the offices of the Camden Athletic Corporation, a man was talking. He knew the street well. He had worked on it, starved on it, been cheated on it. On this street he had been praised and damned, been called a bum and a hero. He was a prizefighter. He was talking. Listen . . .

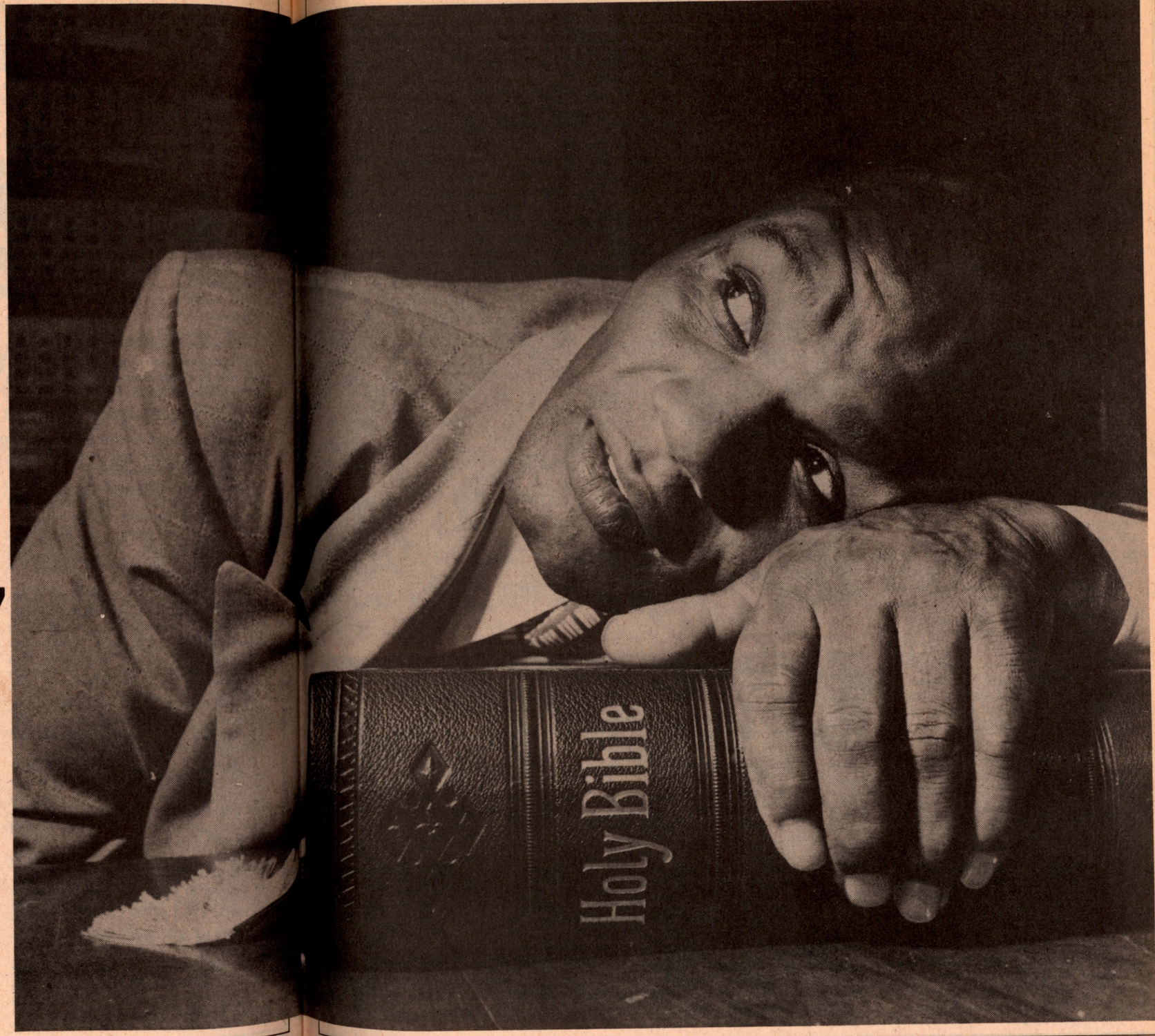
"You ask me do I want any of my kids to become fighters? No. I wouldn't want them to be fighters. They done enough suffering on account of me trying to make a living that way."

He answered more questions. He went on talking.

"You can say that in my early years of fighting, my family and I never had enough to eat. You can say there was never enough food for the kids. That's the truth."

The fighter looked down at his hands. They were large, square, a scar on one of them. His face was strong, bony. A rash ran down the side of one cheek. His hair was thin on top, scraggly. His eyes were light brown, vague, tolerant, devoid of hatred. His shoulders were large and broad,





covered by a tan polo shirt. The black forearms were muscular, his stomach flat.

"Worse time for me? In 1934, that was the worse time. Was on relief that year, couldn't get nothin'. Sure, I've done everything, work as a stevedore, work on a ice truck, on a garbage truck, in the shipyards, on a road gang, odd jobs, work in that soup factory across the street. Fought then, too. Never had time for any real training. Sometimes train two or three days, sometimes only at night. Go in there worrying about money, bad food in my stomach. No, I wouldn't go into the fight game again if I had to start back and go through that like I did."

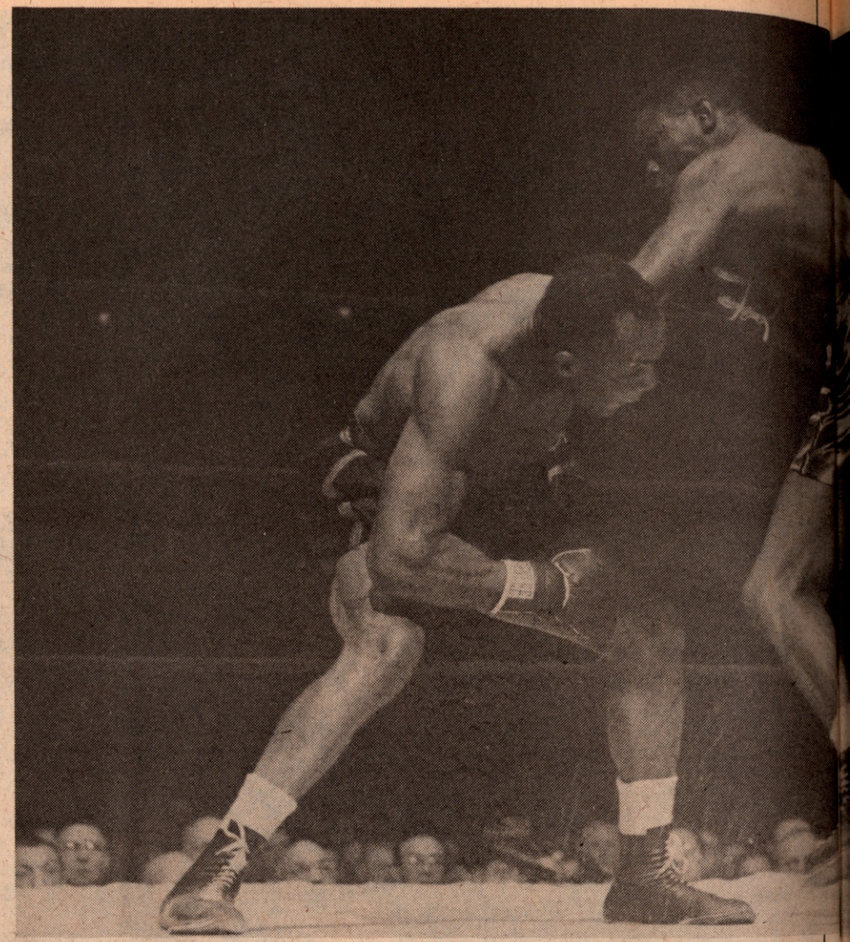
The man you have just been listening to is Jersey Joe Walcott.

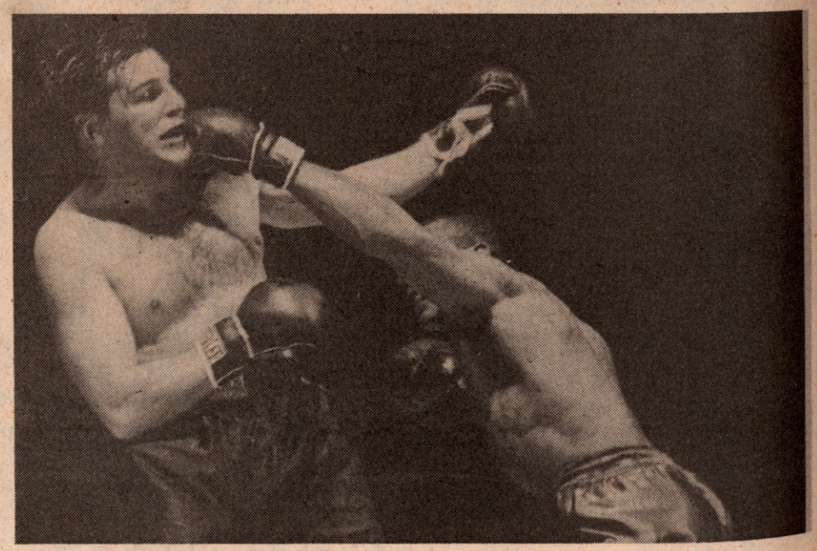
Jersey Joe Walcott had been fighting, off and on, for maybe as long as 18 years. It's my guess he began around 1928. During that time he has been cheated, flim-flammed, been given the run-around, ducked, mistreated and mishandled. And yet, he was still unknown. Some of the best heavyweights in the country, he'd knocked them out, or beaten them. Fight managers knew who he was because they gave him the fast brush-off for years. They kept their boys out of the ring with him. Sportswriters knew who he was because they'd written about him from time to time, pityingly, cornily, jokingly, sometimes seriously, almost always half-heartedly. Few, if any, of them ever used their power to insist that he be given a fair shake.

He once belted Joe Louis to the canvas. And Joe said about him, "Walcott hit me as hard a punch as I've ever been hit." Abe Simon, only the second man ever to KO Jersey Joe, said, "Walcott hit me harder than Louis did." This Walcott, after a three-year layoff, came back to score 16 knockouts.

Why weren't we told about this fighter? Nobody ever found anything serious to criticize in Walcott. He's a likeable, fairly intelligent, friendly man with a family of six children. Was he been fighting set-ups? Was he a second-rate pug? Again, no. Not the guy who had beaten Jimmy Bivins, the classy Cleveland clouter; Joe Baksi, once rated the Number Two heavyweight; Elmer Ray; Steve Dudas; Lee Oma; Curtis (Hatchet Man) Sheppard; Lorenzo Pack; Tommy Gomez; and Joey Maxim, to list a few of the highly touted fighters whose careers Walcott dented or ruined.

It is not any one person's fault that Jersey Joe was not one of the best-known heavyweights in history. No single person can be blamed entirely for the way he was sloughed off over the years, for the fact that he went into the most important fight in his life when he was past his prime, far past it. The fault lies entirely with the fight game as a whole, with the sloppy, vicious, cowardly,







shady way that it has been run, with the stench of a system that tolerates crooked managers, slippery deals, gross unfairness, ducking, and dodging.

Any man who climbed into the ring to face the fists of Joe Louis deserved to be known. But even if he hadn't gotten this shot at the champion, which he had long deserved, the story of Jersey Joe Walcott should have been told.

One of the patterns of Walcott's life started at his birth, one that was to cling to him relentlessly, the pattern of hunger. He was born Arnold Raymond Cream, one of the 10 children of a consistently destitute road worker. The boy's father, who came from the West Indies, had settled in Merchantville, New Jersey, a few miles from Camden. The town had a large Negro population and was then a hangout for such celebrated fighters as Jack Johnson, Joe Gans, Jack Blackburn, and Sam Langford.

By the time Arnold Cream was moving around the streets and back alleys of Merchantville, most of the fighters had left town. But his father still talked about them. The boy was big for his age. He could fight. He did most of his fighting in the streets. When his father died, Arnold was 14 years old. The father left his wife. Edna, the legacy of a shack and 10 children, the youngest only two months old.

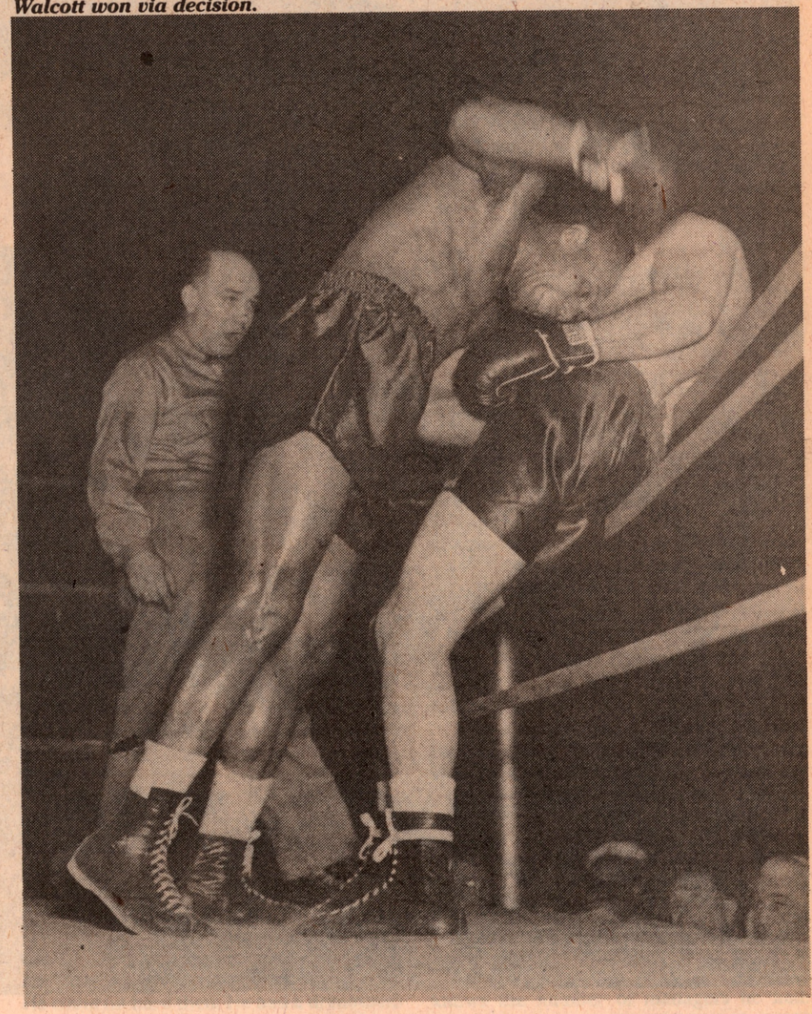
"It was always hard times," Walcott said. "We didn't have much to eat while he was alive, and after he died it was worse."

At 17, Arnold Cream went over to Philadelphia to become a fighter. He impressed the ring-wise Jack Blackburn, who was then training fighters in a beat-up gym at 13th and Cherry Streets. The youngster was then a welterweight. He took the fighting name of Joe Walcott, a favorite of his father's and one of the great Negro fighters in the era that had just passed.

Jack Blackburn always knew what to do with a promising boy when he got his mitts on one. He brought the kid along fast, taught him plenty. In less than two months, he sent Joe into the ring against the experienced KO Palmer, and Walcott hammered out a decision. In his next fight, Walcott knocked out Cowboy Wallace and went on to belt over seven or eight classy welters. Joe says this is so although the record books don't have his name before 1930.

Under Blackburn, the fighter began to eat

***Below left: Walcott tags Lee Oma with a left during round four of their bout in Madison Square Garden, May 24, 1946. Walcott won the decision. Left: Walcott avoids the left of Elmer Ray in November, 1946. Ray won a close 10-round decision. Below: Walcott leans on Joey Maxim during their 10-rounder in January, 1947. Walcott won via decision.***



regularly, grow, put on weight. Blackburn had great plans for him. He told him, "We'll go places, boy. You gonna be champ."

Out in Chicago, two men named Roxborough and Black had discovered another fellow they believed would be a champion some day. That boy's name was Joe Louis Barrow. They offered Blackburn a juicy sum to train him. Jack took the offer and agreed to bring Walcott out to join the stable. The week Walcott was to leave with Blackburn, he came down with typhoid. The siege lasted two months. The doctor told him he could not fight for at least a year.

In the flush and flurry of bringing Joe Louis along, the men in Chicago forgot all about Joe Walcott. By the time he was back on his feet, nobody wanted him. Most reputable managers wouldn't take on a Negro fighter. It was too hard to get matches for them then, unless they were lucky.

Walcott did not get lucky. There were managers who would take him then—and that's what they did—take him. Fly-by-night operators got him matches for 15, 20, and 25 bucks a shot. How much they pocketed themselves, Walcott never did find out. He was in no position to ask. They gave him no money on which to train, and seldom more than three or four days' notice of where or whom he was to fight.

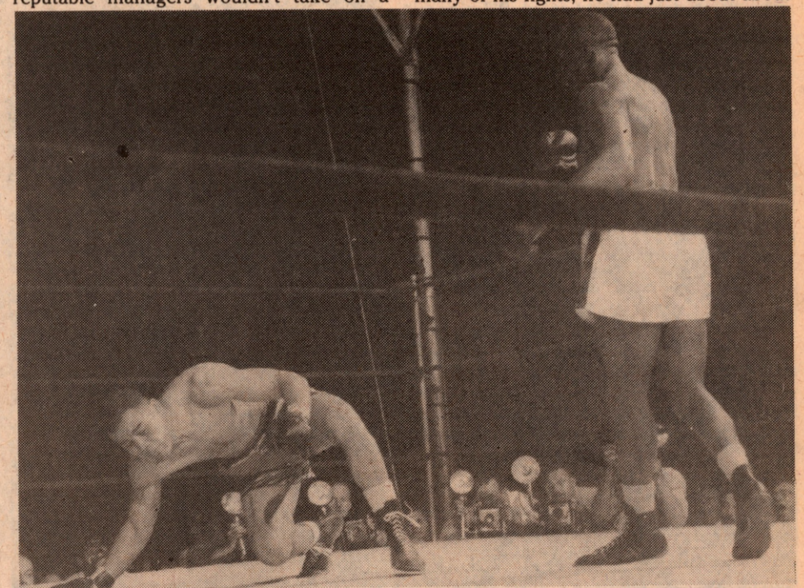
In those days, Walcott won almost every fight he took. He was young, tough, very fast, and clever. In the hands of a decent, honest manager, he could easily and quickly have been built into championship material. He could hit hard then. He had a dreamland punch in either hand. From time to time he lost a few close decisions, but nobody had ever stopped him, and he won over half of his fights by knockouts.

IT IS IRONIC THAT THE ACCUSATION HAS been leveled against Walcott that he never took his training very seriously. A New Jersey sportswriter, who knows Walcott well, answered that criticism with a twisted grin. "Sure, he often went into the ring poorly conditioned. I've seen him fight in very bad shape. But it was just as much a case of lack of food as it was lack of training. It got worse as he began to get all those kids to support."

Walcott will tell you that he had "eating trouble," even before he got married. After many of his fights, he had just about about enough money to eat for two days, allowing for carfare to look for a job. On one of his fights, after paying his own training expenses, he was left with less than four dollars.

"After that," he said, "I figured I couldn't afford training. I did my training at night, after work. That's no good. You work all day for three or four bucks and you don't feel much like workin' out at night. You're too tired. During those days, I worked at everything a guy could do to make a dollar. Lots of times I couldn't get work and went beggin' for a fight and got almost nothin' for it and was hungry before I took it and a few days after it was over."

Nobody, least of all Jersey Joe Walcott, knows the number of managers he had.



***Louis' pain (below) and Walcott's disbelief at the decision highlighted their December, 1947 bout. Louis is down in round three of their rematch in June, 1948, but Louis came back to stop Walcott in 2:56 of the 11th round.***

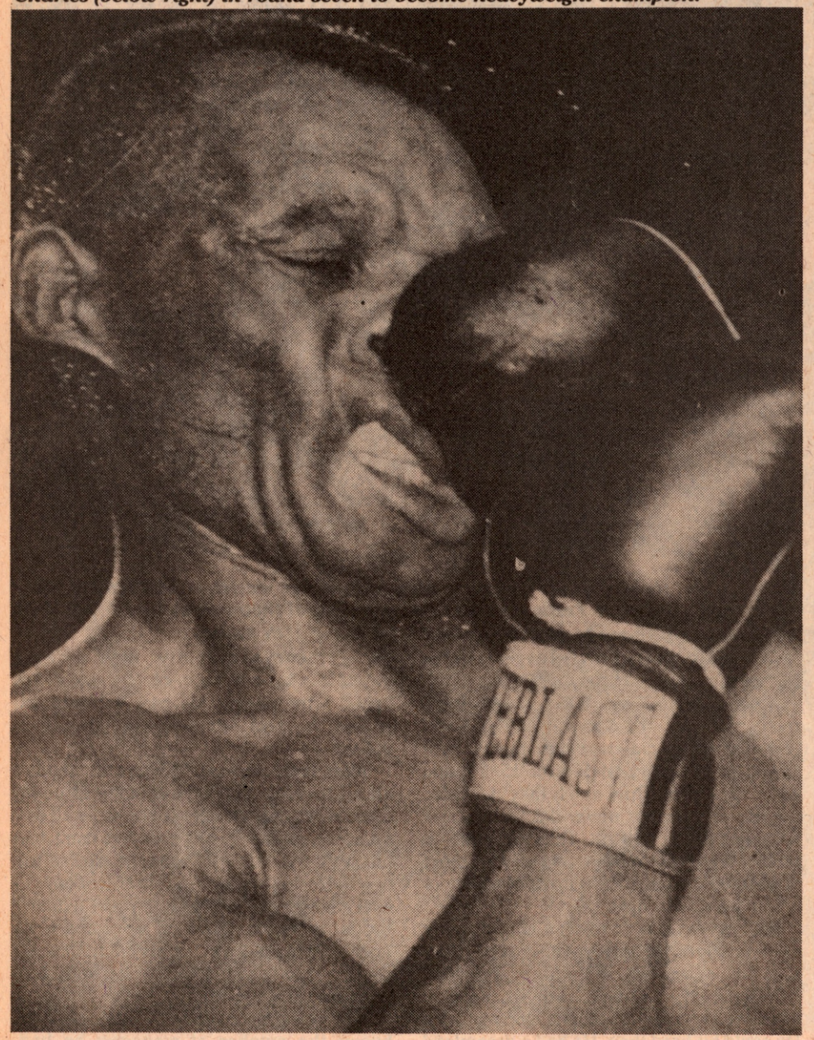
Some milked him for a night. Others hung onto him for a few months, until he quit in desperation and disgust. If he quit the fight game once, he quit it two dozen times. "They always came to me with promises," he said, "but they never made good on them."

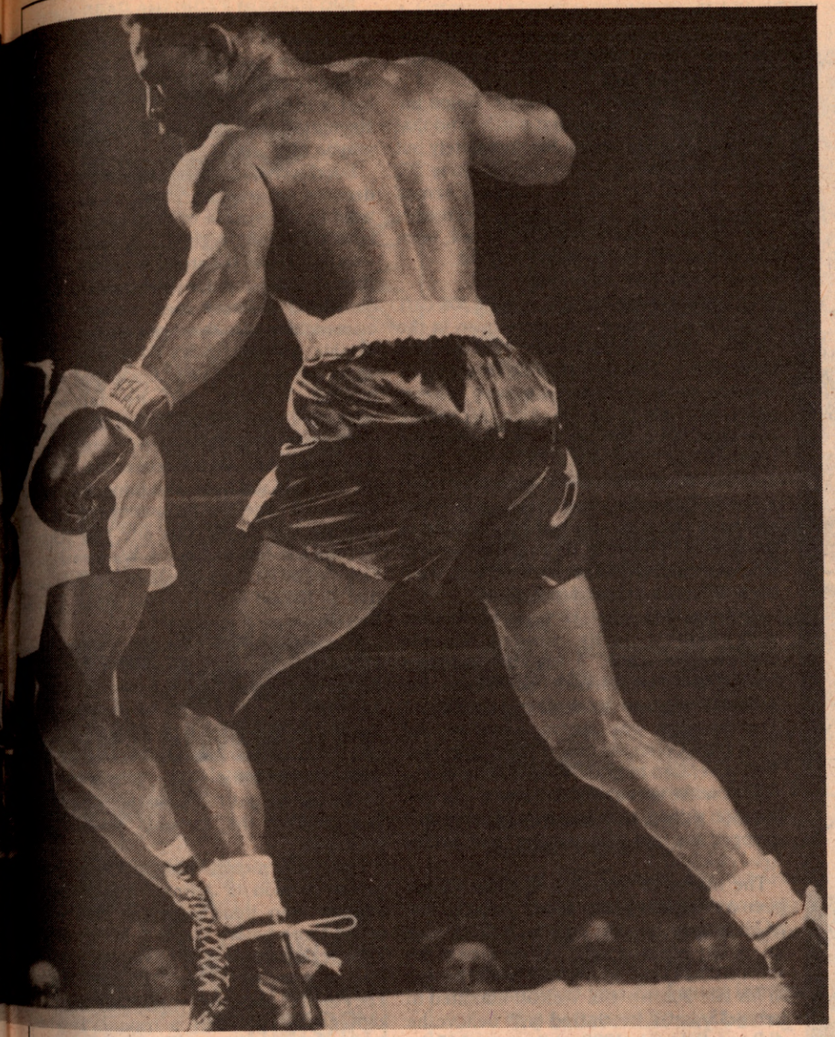
Most of Walcott's fights were in and around Camden and other South Jersey towns. Travel costs money, so he stuck close to home. When Joe Louis set up a training camp at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, to get ready for the Max Schmeling fight, one of the sparring mates hired for him was the large Negro heavyweight from down-the-road-a-piece, the fellow they now called Jersey Joe.

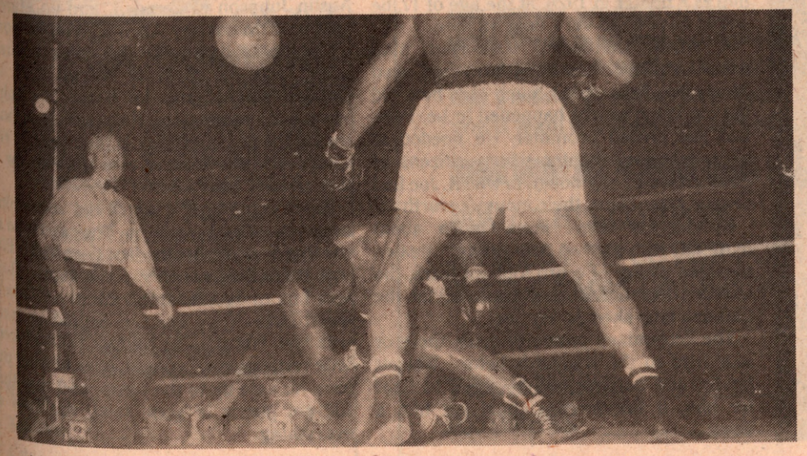
Walcott had not been fighting much that year—just two or three matches between the time he left a job on an ice wagon and took one on a road gang. He signed up to work out with Louis because it was near home, the money was welcome and, in the back of his mind, was the now-fading hope that maybe somebody would see him and give him a break.

There have been many versions of what happened during the brief time Walcott was in the Louis training camp. One thing is certain. He did dump Louis on the canvas. The question is, how many times did he do it? Bill McGraw of the Philadelphia *Record* quoted Walcott as saying, "In two days, I floored him three times with 16-ounce gloves. With light gloves, I'd tear his head off. He's too easy to hit."

***Walcott takes a punch on the nose (below) and is decked by Ezzard Charles (right) in round nine, March 7, 1951. Charles won in 15. Four months later, Walcott stopped Charles (below right) in round seven to become heavyweight champion.***







Jersey Joe still maintains the story is true. Louis would not comment on it. But, a few days after Walcott had been in the Bomber's training camp, he was dismissed. "The reason they gave," Walcott smiled wryly, "was that I wasn't Louis's kind of fighter."

IT DID NOT SEEM A REASONABLE REASON to Walcott, but it was reasonable. He packed a lot of wallop in his fists. He was a hungry fighter, sharp and dangerous. He was the boy Blackburn had dropped in order to build up Joe Louis. Any sensible manager would have let Walcott go. A man getting ready for a world championship fight can't afford to take a cuffing from his spar-mates.

In the early days Walcott mixed odd jobs with occasional fights. In 1933, he married a Merchantville girl, whom he had known since childhood. The following year, his first son, Arnold, was born. That was the year Jersey Joe and his family went on relief. Now and then, he would pick up a small purse fighting anyone on anything from nine hours' to nine days' notice. Often, Joe didn't tell his wife, Lydia, about the fights he took. She did not want him to get back into the game. If it could not support him, it could not support a family.

The years dragged on. The Walcotts had six children—Arnold, Alva, Ruth, Doris, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (in honor of a guy who helped families like Joe's), and Edna Carol. In 1936, Jersey Joe Walcott fought just once, losing to the rugged Billy Ketchell. He fought four times in '37, six times in '38, twice in '39, twice in '40, and once in '41. He was just another pug you could get for a fight in the event a rival cancelled, or you needed someone fast and for cheap. He always played it honest, and there was many a promising heavyweight who wound up eating resin, amazed that he was being clouted silly by a guy who was supposed to be an out-of-condition set-up.

After one of these fights, Joe Louis was asked by a reporter if he remembered Jersey Joe Walcott. The champion blinked, then said, noncommittally, "Yeah, I remember Joe."

During those days, Joe and his family lived in a windy, unpainted, frame house in Camden. It was a house not much better than the one in which his father had tried to raise his 10 kids. Along Market Street, Joe was a familiar figure. When he worked in the soup factory, across the street from the fight club, men who had seen him in the ring would often stop him and ask him why he didn't go back into the fight game. "Like to fight. Can't make a living at it."

Tom Ryan, a columnist on the Camden *Courier,* once said of Joe, "I don't know of a fighter who started and stopped so many times. Sometimes he'd lay off for a month, sometimes for a year. It all depended on how mad he would get at a manager. I guess he quit at least 20 times. The last time he quit—after Abe Simon stopped him—he was out for three years."

Abe Simon was the second man who ever kayoed Walcott. (Tiger Jack Fox did it in 1937.) The fight should never have been held. Walcott took the fight on exactly two days' notice, after not having fought for months. He did almost no training, and yet he was to meet a fighter who was aiming for a championship match with Joe Louis. Until the last round, it was clearly Jersey Joe's fight. He belted the hefty Simon all over the ring, completely out-classing him. But the steam was missing from his punches. He was badly out of condition. By the last

round, the pace had weakened him so much that a lightweight could have tagged him for the ten count. Simon's beef, behind one punch, did the trick.

Walcott got $250 for the fight. Simon undoubtedly got 10 times that much. And that one loss dropped Jersey Joe completely out of the heavyweight picture. On June 27, 1941, Walcott kayoed a second-rater named Columbus Gant in Memphis, Tennessee, returned to Camden and announced, once more, that he was through for good.

IT TOOK A WAR TO KEEP JERSEY JOE OUT of the ring. Good jobs were open in the Camden shipyards and Walcott got one as a chipper. It was hard work, long hours, but it was the steadiest and best money Walcott had ever made in his life. As a chipper, he averaged $85 to $90 per week. The kids ate regularly for three years. On June 7, 1944, just to pick up a few extra dollars, he went down to Batesville, New Jersey, and whipped Felix Del Paoli. He had no intention of going back to the ring, turning a deaf ear to would-be-managers and, the next day, went back to his job in the shipyards.

Early in 1945, after 17 years in the ring, with fighters badly needed on the heavyweight scene, a big-time manager finally took an interest in Jersey Joe Walcott, shipyard worker, ex-prizefighter. The manager was Jimmy Johnston. But John Hall, Commissioner of Boxing in New Jersey, refused to grant Walcott a license to fight, on the ground that he was too old. Johnson sighed, with vexation or relief, and dropped the idea of managing the Camden heavyweight.

The matter of Walcott's age has always been a debatable point. Jack Kearns, in one of his flippant moods, once said, "Anything under fifty could be right." At the time of the second Louis fight, sportswriters said he was in his late 30s, his 40s. Walcott admitted to being 33, but if he started (as I believe he did) as a fighter in 1928, at the age of 17, he would have been very near 36 then.

A small, thin-faced, dark-eyed man named Felix Bocchicchio, who had seen Jersey Joe fight, didn't much care how old the big heavyweight happened to be. Felix had just turned promoter. He needed at least one good fighter whom citizens of Camden would pay dough to watch. Joe had always given them their money's worth.

Bocchicchio didn't know much about fighting. He was an ex-whiskey dealer, gambler, owner of a pro football team, the Camden Bears. But he did know that the Camden fans liked Jersey Joe.

The determined promoter made three or four trips to the shipyards before Walcott finally, and half-heartedly, agreed to fight for him, if Bocchicchio could get him a license.

"I figured this way," Walcott said, "that one more fight wasn't gonna kill me. I could, like always, use the money. And this fellow seemed a little different than all the others. I sort of trusted him. But I still didn't figure on staying in the game for more than two, maybe three fights."

Bocchicchio did get Hall to reverse his decision on granting Walcott a license. He went to the trouble of digging up Walcott's birth certificate, argued long and loud, and won out. Down the street from the club was Homo's Cafe and Joe Webster. He was an old friend of Jersey Joe's, a man who had once dabbled in the fight game in Philadelphia. Webster didn't know a great deal about fighting, but Felix knew that Walcott trusted Webster and he talked the restaurant man into becoming his manager.

"Neither of us figured Joe would do as well as he did," Bocchicchio said. "But we felt he could still fight. The thing that ruins a fighter ain't age; it's the beatings he takes in the ring. Joe never took any bad lickings. He was too fast and good. We also figured that maybe if the people handling him gave him an honest deal, it would mean a lot to him. We done that. It paid off."

The first fight Walcott had under the aegis of Bocchicchio and Webster was against Jackie Saunders on January 11, 1945. Saunders was not a great heavyweight, but Jersey Joe floored him for keeps in the second round. "He got his money for that fight," Bocchicchio said. "It was only 75 bucks, but he got it. He wasn't used to getting paid off the amounts he had been promised."

That same month, Walcott lost an eight-round decision to Johnny Allen, a much tougher man than Saunders. His bosses, unlike those before them, didn't drop him. They realized how little he had fought over the past years, but they still had faith in him. They loaned him money, saw that his family kept eating, got him a trainer. He beat Austin Johnson in Camden, and on March 15th took on Johnny Allen again and won.

The turning point in Walcott's belated career was the night of August 2nd, in Camden, when he met Joe Baksi. The Kulpmont coal miner was then rated second among the heavyweights in the country. He agreed to meet Walcott as a tune-up for a shot at Tami Mauriello.

Bocchicchio and Webster did something as generous as it was wise. They decided to see that Walcott, for the first time in his life, was trained thoroughly for a fight. They sent him to Ted Gleason's camp on Greenwood Lake. They got Lee Savold to train with him. Webster, the chubby, round-faced, little restaurateur, brought sides of beef out from his cafe up to the camp, and saw that Joe got plenty of good food, the best of everything.

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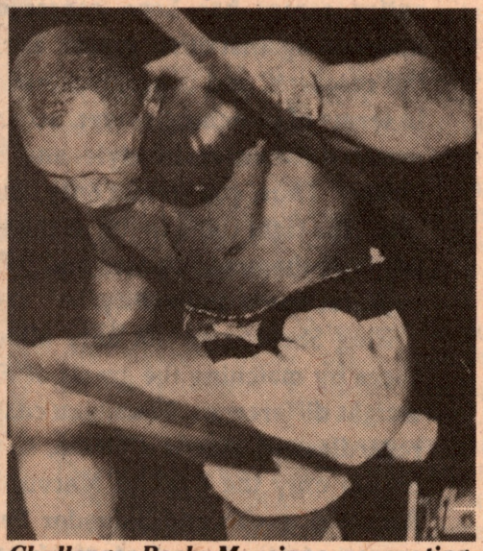
Baksi blew into Camden large and confident. You could get 5 to 1 on him at the ringside, even among Jersey Joe's long-time followers. For the first three rounds, Walcott skipped nimbly away from the lantern-jawed slugger. In the fourth, the Jersey fighter unleashed a terrific, two-fisted attack. He rapped Baksi with hard lefts to his stomach, followed through with looping rights to the head. It was a clean-cut decision. Jersey Joe was awarded all 10 rounds and the sportswriters around the country, who had long since discarded him along with old typewriter ribbons, began to raise inquisitive voices. Most of them decided that it was a "freak" upset.



***Challenger Rocky Marciano separating Walcott from his title in the 13th , September 23, 1952.***

The word "freak" dropped out of their copy when Walcott went on to kayo Johnny Denson in two rounds, then administer the chiller to Steve Dudas, an outstanding heavy. On November 12th, Jersey Joe traveled to Baltimore to whip Lee Q. Murray, another classy comer. Still, few of the wise boys felt that the flurry of furious fighting in the ancient Camden heavyweight would last long.

WHEN WALCOTT WAS MATCHED against Curtis (Hatchet Man) Sheppard, he went into the ring a decided underdog; Sheppard hadn't lost too many fights, had won most of them by knockouts, the quick kind. In the fourth round, one of the Hatchet Man's punches caught Jersey Joe flush on the button and he went down. He stayed down for an eight count. He got up and connected with Sheppard's midsection, a short, steaming left. This left hand shot to the stomach kept on hitting the mark. In the tenth round, Sheppard doubled over, Walcott swung the long right and the Hatchet Man was out.

But still nobody wanted any part of Walcott. It would be embarrassing to have a promising boy knocked over by an aging heavyweight. Managers didn't consider Jersey Joe classy enough, or enough of a draw, to risk sending their fighters into the ring against him. More than anything else, Walcott wanted a fight in the Garden. Nobody was particularly interested.

The only way Jersey Joe Walcott could get into Madison Square Garden was by buying a ticket. A few months after he had beaten Joe Baski, he sat in a seat at the Garden and watched Baksi lick Freddie Schott for an appetizing hunk of a $50,000 gate. As they walked out of the Garden that night, he turned to his trainer, Joey Allen, and said, "Why did I have to sit there and watch a guy I have beat fight for dough like that?"

In Cleveland, a youngster named Jimmy Bivins was blasting his way into the hearts of the fight fans. Bivins had 25 wins in the last 26 fights under his belt, and was rated the finest fighter to come down the pike since Joe Louis. After seeing him fight, Louis himself stated, "He'll be the next champion." Bivins, who was fresh out of opponents, finally agreed to meet Walcott.

The sportswriters in Cleveland didn't take the Bivins-Walcott fight seriously. Before the fight, most of the stories written talked about how Bivins should get a shot at Louis after polishing off Walcott. One columnist referred to Jersey Joe as "that clowning, lightfooted ancient from the suburbs of Camden."

The fight took place on the night of February 25, 1946. The next morning, the typewriter experts were shamefacedly admitting that they should have known about Walcott. One of them wrote, "He was just another guy named Joe, an elderly character for the ring, with thin, scrabbly hair on top of his head, a wisp of a mustache, and a wisp of a smile. Few in Cleveland had ever heard of him, but, today, he is sort of a hero."

Sportswriters began to yell, very politely, "Walcott for Louis." Louis, still in the Army, had Conn to fight. Bivins, in his absence, had been called the "duration champ." Tami Mauriello was scheduled to fight Joe Baksi. The only other serious contender in the running was in-and-outer Lee Oma, who had recently put away Gus Lesnevich, the light heavyweight champion from Cliffside, N.J.

At the last moment, Baksi had to withdraw from the Mauriello fight. It was only reasonable to expect that Jersey Joe Walcott would be substituted for Baksi. Mike Jacobs approached Tami and asked him to fight Walcott. The answer was a round, firm, very flat "No."

"Listen," Jacobs said, "if you are ever going to beat Walcott, now is the time to try it, because Walcott only has three days to get in condition for the fight."

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Tami didn't fight Walcott, but when the National Boxing Association ratings were posted, Bivins, who was beaten by Walcott, and Mauriello, who refused to fight him, were both rated over Jersey Joe. Maybe because Mike Jacobs decided this was a little too raw, or maybe because he figured the old "de luxe spoiler" deserved at least one break, Jacobs matched him with Lee Oma for a fight in Madison Square Garden.

Oma was willing to fight, but only for a $35,000 guarantee of the gate. It was a disgraceful amount to ask, but Walcott had been dreaming all of his life of fighting in the Garden some day. He agreed, took on Oma, floored him in the first round, battered him for the remaining nine, and took an easy decision. The total gate receipts were $82,702, the net about $60,000. Walcott finished out of the money, not even making enough to pay his training expenses.

After Oma, Walcott took on Tommy Gomez, hailed as a "young Dempsey." Gomez was not all his backers said he was, but he did have a record of winning 52 out of 59 fights and he had stiffened some very rugged pugs. The best he could do against Walcott was to get himself knocked cold by Jersey Joe in the third round. After this fight, the only man on Walcott's horizon was the Brown Bomber. It was somewhat of a kick in the teeth to Jersey Joe when Louis decided to fight Tami Mauriello instead.

When asked about this, Mike Jacobs remarked irritably, "Well, you can say that I offered Louis his choice of either Mauriello or Walcott. But you can also say that Joe chose Mauriello. Write it that way."

Tami Mauriello had twice been beaten by Lee Oma. Let's write it *that* way.

Strangely enough, Walcott felt no bitterness toward Louis. He knew the fight game is a business. He knew that at the time Joe chose Mauriello it was undoubtedly because he felt that the Bronx fighter would draw a large gate. Louis was not responsible for Walcott being an unknown. The matchmakers, promoters, and managers had that on their heads. "Maybe, in Louis's place," Walcott said, "I might have done the same thing. Only thing that means anything in this business is money. Sometimes it makes you wonder why it's so bad, so rotten."

After Louis chose Mauriello over him, Walcott went into a slump. He lost a decision to Jack Kearns' boy, Joey Maxim, breaking his left hand early in the fight. He lost the next one to Elmer Ray. But then he bounced back, licking Maxim in a return match in Philadelphia and, a few months later, in Miami, he also took Elmer Ray into camp.

Maxim went out to California and hit another winning streak. A Jersey boy named Frank Sinatra, long a follower of Walcott's, decided it was about time Jersey Joe made some money. He promoted a fight with Joey Maxim, guaranteeing Walcott $35,000, the most he had ever been offered in the entire 19 years he had been fighting. Jersey Joe beat Maxim again in a 10-rounder. Joe Louis saw the fight. He climbed into the ring and the two men had their pictures taken together.

Nothing was said in the ring that night between the two men, but a short time later Felix Bocchicchio walked into the Camden Athletic Corporation and told Walcott that Joe Louis had agreed to fight him. "Jersey Joe was so happy, he danced all over the place," the promoter said. "I never seen him so happy before." Joe was even happier when the original plan for a ten-round exhibition bout on November 14 was discarded in favor of a 15-round championship tilt at Madison Square Garden on December 5, 1947.

Walcott didn't win that fight. Miracles seldom happened in Madison Square Garden. All that happened was that his name went down in the Ring Record Book as a heavyweight who once fought Joe Louis. The Record Book won't mention that both fighters who met on the night of December 5, 1947, came from the same poverty-stricken background, that one was given the decent breaks the other should also have had, or that the fight game in the Twentieth Century gave a man named Walcott a very dirty deal.

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